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IMPORTANT WAR NEWS

A Successful Reconnoissance Across the Potomac on Friday.

Capture of Four Cannon from the Rebels.

Attempt to Occupy the Virginia Shore on Saturday Morning.

The Rebels Met in Heavy Force.

Our Troops Forced to Retire Across the River.

Removal of the Rebel Artillery from the Line of the Potomac.

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Renewed Crossing of a Rebel Force at Williamsport.

Commanding Heard in that Direction.

LATEST REPORTS FROM HEADQUARTERS.

HARRISBURGH, Saturday—Evening—Old Parsonage, Sunday, Sept. 21—Morning.

The Fourth Michigan, with a few men from SYKES' Brigade, crossed the river at Shepardstown late late yesterday afternoon, for the purpose of making a reconnoissance. They met with a stout resistance from the enemy, but succeeded in reaching this side of the river with but slight loss, bringing with them four pieces of artillery, which they took from the rebels.

The occupation of the Virginia shore was attempted again this morning, with less success. Acting Brig.-Gen. BARNES, with his own and a portion of SYKES' Brigade, some cavalry and two batteries, crossed the river, and took a position on the Virginia shore. Shortly after the troops had been placed in position, the enemy emerged from under the cover of woods, with a line of infantry nearly a mile long. Both troops soon became engaged, when the order was given to retire, which was done in good order, the enemy following closely behind.

When the enemy came within range, fire was opened by twenty pieces of our artillery, posted on the Maryland bank, with such effect, that the rebels were forced to retire out of reach. Their loss from our artillery fire must have been heavy, as the explosion of our shells was seen to make large gaps in their lines. Our loss in killed, wounded and prisoners, will reach about 150. The troops safely returned to Maryland, bringing their wounded with them.

Information was received to-day of the evacuation of Harper's Ferry by the rebels.

Their artillery was removed from the line of the Potomac last night, and it is believed their army is falling back in the direction of Charlestown and Winchester.

In the action to-day, Col. PROVOST, of the One Hundred and Eighteenth Pennsylvania, was wounded. Also, Capt. RICKETTS and Lieut. McKEAN. Among the killed were Capt. LANDER and Lieut. WHITE.

It was reported that a force of rebel cavalry and artillery had left in the direction of Williamsport, and a force was sent in that direction this morning. Heavy firing was heard in that vicinity to-night, which shows that they have become engaged.

LATEST REPORTS FROM HARRISBURGH.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

HARRISBURGH, PENN., Sunday, Sept. 21—11 P. M.

By the politeness of Gov. CURTIN I came through on the special car bringing him and staff from Hagerstown with the following late information of army movements obtained through dispatches from the TIMES correspondents with the advance, dated—"On the Potomac, opposite Shepherdstown, Va., Saturday—8 P. M.

They report that the rebel army passed through Sharpsburg in great haste on Thursday evening. By daylight on Friday, the main body, with their artillery, had crossed the Potomac.

At 9 A. M. our cavalry entered Sharpsburg in pursuit, and batteries were advanced to the Bluffs at Blackburn's Ford, near Shepherdstown, and shelled the enemy's batteries, strongly posted on the opposite bank. The rebel infantry had disappeared, except a few stragglers.

Our infantry and artillery pressed forward to near the river, preparatory to crossing. BURNSIDE'S Sharpshooters formed on the river bank, with orders from Gen. PORTER to shoot the rebel battery horses when they attempted to limber up.

Early on Saturday morning one hundred infantry and fifty sharpshooters crossed the river on a reconnoissance, finding a rebel battery of four guns placed seventy yards from the river to oppose our crossing. They were abandoned by the rebels on the approach of our troops, who brought them across the river without opposition, excepting one, that could not be moved, and was thrown down the bank. The reconnoissance was conducted a mile from the river, where a large body of rebel cavalry were formed in line of battle.

At 8 o'clock on Saturday morning a reconnoissance in force was made by nine regiments, which crossed at the same place, supported by five batteries stationed on the Maryland shore opposite them. Information was received that the rebels were advancing to give battle in strong force. They soon appeared, and in spite of a deadly fire from our batteries, engaged our troops, who, after a stubborn resistance, were forced to fall back before superior numbers and recross the Potomac. MAHONE'S Brigade, on the right, was principally engaged, the Ninth Vermont Regiment, of Philadelphia, (the One Hundred and Eighteenth Pennsylvania,) suffering most heavily.

This new regiment behaved with great gallantry, and fell back in perfect order. I hear the names of fourteen killed in the One Hundred and Eighteenth Pennsylvania and 120 wounded, including the following officers: Col. Provost, adjt. McKean, Lieut. W. McKean, Co. K, wounded and missing; Lieut. F. M. Lewis, Co. E, Lieut. Chas. E. Hand, Co. F; Capt. Jno. Ricketts, Co. K; Lieut. J. M. More, Co. K.

There was some loss in other regiments, and a number are reported to have been taken prisoners.

Lieut. HERCHENROEDER, Thirteenth New-York, was wounded.

On Saturday the enemy crossed at Williamsport, but were driven back by the advance of our army, assisted by the Pennsylvania Militia—the attack at Blackford's Fords disturbing their movements.

Williamsport is now occupied by us in strong force. The rebels hoped, in crossing here, to turn McCLELLAN's right flank, but failed.

Gov. CURTIN has withdrawn the militia into Pennsylvania.

HARRISBURGH, Sunday, Sept. 21.

By authority of Gov. CURTIN, the militia now quartered here will be sent home. It is supposed that those in Cumberland Valley will return as soon as transportation can be arranged.

Information received at Boonsboro, says that the Philadelphia Corn Exchange Regiment, Col. PARVIN, attempted to cross the Potomac at Shepardstown on Friday night, and met the enemy in overwhelming numbers, and were repulsed with considerable loss. Col. PARVIN was badly wounded.

In consequence of the Governor's order recalling the State militia, the excitement has been very great. The troops are quite dispirited at being sent home without an opportunity of meeting the enemy.

A rebel deserter, named HENRY CRAWFORD, was brought here to-night. He was captured at Bridgeport by the Harrisburgh City Zouaves, now guarding the bridge across the Susquehanna.

RUMORED CROSSING OF THE POTOMAC.

The following dispatch was published in the Evening Bulletin last night. Its assertions are not corroborated, and are rendered doubtful by the dispatch published above:

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21, 1862.

We have just received a brief dispatch from one of our special correspondents, who returned this afternoon to Frederick from our advance lines.

Heavy firing was going on all day yesterday, he says, both cannonading and musketry, and many wounded men were being brought in.

Our troops had crossed the Potomac in large force and were fighting on the other side. The rest of the army had advanced to the river.

In the fighting, so far, we had decidedly the advantage of the rebels. Yesterday we captured a whole brigade of them, 2,000 in number. This your correspondent asserts upon the testimony of his own eyes. When he left the field, at midnight of Saturday, the firing had not ceased.

LATEST REPORTS FROM FREDERICK.

FREDERICK, Saturday, Sept. 20.

Shelling was kept up at the enemy across the river at Shepherdstown until Friday night.

A report has come into Frederick that a force was crossing at Williamsport, and that a part of our army was sent to meet them. Heavy firing was heard all noon to-day in that direction and at Sharpsburgh, but up to to-night no intelligence has been received from either place.

This morning a delegation of twenty surgeons from New-York passed through Boonsboro on their way to the battle-field. A number of ladies also followed in ambulances under charge of Miss DIX. The churches and other buildings in Boonsboro and Keedysville are full of our wounded, and the ladies of those places are cheerfully doing all in their power to alleviate their sufferings. The inhabitants in the vicinity of Frederick and Hagerstown are returning to their homes and seem to be in great glee because the rebels are driven across the river. No pillaging was allowed by the rebels previous to the battle of South Mountain, but after that they cleared the country pretty thoroughly, particularly around Sharpsburgh, almost every house in the town having been robbed, and goods which they could not use were destroyed. Many houses were riddled by bullets and shells, and several barns burned.

There is no evidence that either LONGSTREET or LEE was wounded in the battle of Wednesday.

The number of prisoners in our hands is about 2,000. At least ten thousand stands of arms were found on the field belonging to the enemy.

Col. CAMERON, of the Twenty-sixth New-York Acting Brigadier-General, in place of Gen. TOWNS, who was wounded recently at Bull Run, has resigned, and Col. LEAR, of the Ninetieth Pennsylvania, is now in command of the brigade, and will obey all the position.

THE PENNSYLVANIA MILITARY.

PHILADELPHIA, Sunday, Sept. 21.

Gov. CURTIN telegraphs from Hagerstown, notifying all military organizations to wait at home for further orders. Probably all danger is removed, the rebel army being in full retreat down the Shenandoah.

LOSSES OF REBEL OFFICERS, ETC.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, Sept. 20.

The *Star*, of this evening, says:

A gentleman who left the front of our army yesterday at noon, assures us that among the rebel dead left unburied on the battle fields of Wednesday last was a Major-General, besides many officers of all grades.

The wounds received by Gen. HOOKER were through the thick part of his foot. Symptoms of mortification in diabetic character among his friends.

SUB. LATEST WASHINGTON DISPATCHES.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, Sept. 21—11½ P. M.

Gen. HOOKER arrived to-day in an ambulance and has gone to the residence of Dr. HUNER, who is in charge of the Government Insane Asylum, across the Anacostia, opposite the Navy-yard. His wound is through the fleshy part of the right foot, below the ankle, and though severe, is not dangerous. Symptoms of lockjaw have appeared. It was received while he was personally superintending the placing of a battery, under a severe fire, and was probably inflicted by a rebel sharpshooter. Friends of his staff, now at the National Hotel, the following information is received in regard to the wounded.

On that part of the field where our left wing was engaged, Hooker and Mansfield, despite the enemy's overwhelming force, held their own. One of Gen. HOOKER's aids says, that in riding over the field the morning after the battle, he saw ten of the enemy's dead to one of ours. In some places the dead were piled in heaps, and he declared he saw what appeared to be an entire company, officers and men, belonging to a Georgia regiment, lying dead and wounded. The shells passing through the enemy's ranks, in some cases, would seem to have almost destroyed whole regiments.

Gen. HOOKER had a narrow escape on Tuesday evening, from round-shot, which passed within a few inches of his head. He is greatly chagrined at the escape of the enemy, and stated, when being carried off the field, that we were completely masters of the situation, and should not allow a rebel to get off. He went into the fight with some misgivings on account of a portion of his command being the same troops which behaved so ill under McDOWELL in the last battle of Bull Run; but he declares that he never knew troops behave with greater steadiness and courage. The Thirty-fifth New-York Regiment—new levies—which fought in the same part of the field, is said to have behaved with more than gallantry. The Colonel lost an arm, and all the field officers were wounded except the Major. Nine out of the ten Captains were either killed or wounded. All the new regiments behaved like veterans.

Gen. MANSFIELD is not wounded. He was stunned for a while by a fall of his horse, which was shot under him, and was carried off the field on a litter.

Gen. RICKETTS is severely, if not fatally wounded in the shoulder by a shell. His physician pronounces his case hopeless.

On Friday, the rebels had several guns planted on the Virginia side of the Potomac, opposite Shepardstown ford, as if to dispute the crossing of our troops. When our informant left, on the same morning, heavy artillery firing was heard along the front.

A rebel deserter, named ADAM SUHAR, of the Fifth Virginia Artillery, came into our lines yesterday, having effected his escape in the hurry and confusion of leaving Harper's Ferry. He took the oath of allegiance and was released. He was in the battle of Wednesday, and says that it was reported in his division that Gen. LEE had not been seen or heard of since Wednesday noon, and the general impression was that he had been wounded or killed. His horse was shot under him in the early part of the day, but he mounted another, and rode toward the left, where his army was engaged by HOOKER and BURNSIDE. He says the rebel officers confessed themselves badly beaten, and had great fears for their safety, unless McCLELLAN would grant an armistice for burying the dead, which they intended to use for escape. He says the rebel loss was fearful, especially among officers.

About one thousand wounded arrived here to-day from the battle-field. Three hundred and fifty were taken to the hospital in the Capitol, and two hundred and fifty to the patent office. They include members of nearly all the regiments engaged in the battle. The rotunda of the capital is filled, as is the senate chamber. Several of the passages are also occupied. A number of wounded rebes are in the Capitol, who receive the same treatment as our own soldiers.

The damage done to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal by the rebels is believed to be serious. The place where the most injury was inflicted is a few miles this side of Harper's Ferry, where the rebels dug down the embankment to let out the water, to enable them to cross. A week's time will repair the whole.

The chief topic of conversation here to-day is the recent campaign in Maryland. While every credit is given our gallant soldiers for their splendid fighting at Sharpsburgh, yet the utmost chagrin is felt over the surrender of Harper's Ferry. The victory in the one case is depreciated by the disaster in the other. The escape of the rebel army, with all its plunder and the arms and ordnance stores captured at Harper's Ferry, affects public sentiment here like a defeat.

REOCCUPATION OF HARPER'S FERRY.

A Reconnoissance by Gen. Stoneman's Force—Destruction of the Pontoon Bridge by the Rebels—Unsuccessful Attempt to Destroy the Railroad Piers, etc.

The Washington *Star* of Saturday evening says that a reconnoissance in force to Harper's Ferry was made on Friday night by a part of Gen. STONEMAN's force. They found only three hundred sick and wounded rebels at Harper's Ferry.

They learned that the rebel army had been crossing the river above Harper's Ferry into Virginia nearly all day yesterday, and that at nightfall Gen. McCLELLAN's advance was close upon the rebel's rear.

The *Star* says:

"Yesterday the last of the rebels took their departure from Harper's Ferry, after having burned all the Government property they found there that they could not carry off, including the pontoon bridge and the storehouses. They made five distinct attempts to blow up the five piers of the railroad bridge there, all of which proved unsuccessful. The superstructure upon them, however, was much damaged by their vandal attempts."

BALTIMORE AND OHIO RAILROAD.

PATTERSON, Sunday, Sept. 21.

The great bridge of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, near the Monocacy, east of Frederick, which was destroyed by the rebels two weeks ago, is again restored. This completes the road from Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington, to Frederick, and to Sandy Hook, opposite Harper's Ferry.

To facilitate the movement of officers and friends of soldiers, Surgeons, and others having business with the army, two passenger trains will be run daily from to-day, leaving Frederick at 7 A. M. and 2:30 P. M., Baltimore at 8:40 A. M., and 4:30 P. M., and Philadelphia at 6:30 and 12:40 A. M., and closely connected at every way.

CARE FOR THE SICK AND WOUNDED.

HARRISBURGH, Saturday, Sept. 20.

Surgeon CUYLER, Medical Director, is now in this city, making every exertion to provide for the sick and wounded soldiers.

The hotels of Harrisburgh are very busily engaged in making up the necessary details for their comfort.

Great assistance is made by those engaged in this charitable work of the uniforms of the soldiers furnished by the Government, particularly the bedding, which they say is of the coarsest quality.

Accommodations have been prepared at Camp Curtin, and elsewhere, public halls and other places have also been fitted up for the reception of the wounded.

FROM THE BATTLE-FIELD OF ANTIETAM.

The Retreat of the Rebels Across the Potomac—Their Transportation Saved—Numbers of a Rebel Force in Williamsport—The Desperate Fighting of Wednesday—Losses of the Enemy, etc.

BATTLE-FIELD OF ANTIETAM, Saturday, Sept. 20.

Yesterday our fleet advanced toward the enemy, when the discovery was made that the entire rebel army had retreated during the night, leaving their pickets along the entire line, so as to prevent us from gaining a knowledge of their movement until they had accomplished their purpose. Those left behind to perform this duty, generally surrendered as soon as our skirmishers appeared.

It seems from statements of residents of Sharpsburgh and vicinity, that rebel reinforcements were expected on Friday, but they did not arrive, and consequently it was decided to cross the river, as they were in no condition for such a battle as that of the 17th inst. So they commenced leaving at sunset on Thursday night, and the rear of the line passed through Sharpsburgh just before daylight yesterday morning. They crossed the river at different points in the vicinity of Sharpsburgh, as there are several fords within two miles of that place, although the country has been represented.

Our cavalry started in pursuit as soon as the retreat was known, but beyond capturing a few hundred stragglers, they succeeded in inflicting but little injury upon the enemy.

About a mile from the river quite a contest took place between a part of Gen. PORTER's corps, which were in the advance, and the enemy, for the possession of two guns, which they seemed unable to move fast enough. They were finally compelled to abandon them, one of which they spiked.

Their trains have all got off, notwithstanding it is said their horses were completely worn out. They seem to have taken a position on the other side of the Potomac, but they did not reply to our guns this afternoon, with the exception of three or four shots.

An attempt was made to cross and flank them, but they were in too good a position to be attacked with success.

A Union man named HUGHES came in from Williamsport this afternoon, and reports that a large force of the enemy had crossed this morning at that place, but he could not say how many. He fear he might be caught he left in haste, and therefore did not count them. He said about 2,000 cavalry and 1,000 infantry were on this side, and the column was still coming over, the rear not being visible. According to another report, it was only a small party sent over to forage and harass the inhabitants. With this exception, the soil of Maryland is free from the invader—a result which all expected at an early day, though few thought such a thing possible before another great battle.

The retreat of an army so large as that of the rebels in the face of one like our own, was certainly creditable to its commanders, especially when it is considered they met with but slight loss while it was being consummated. One thing, however, was in its favor, which was, that they had Antietam Creek in their front about half the length of their line, over which our troops could not cross but at one point.

It was at this bridge that Gen. PLEASANTON's Cavalry made such a splendid dash across in the face of a fire from several batteries planted to sweep it from different points, and which rained a perfect shower of shell upon it, while our troops were crossing, most of which, fortunately, did not explode. As soon as the cavalry crossed, they were followed by Gen. SYKES' Division of regulars, in support of three batteries—TIDBALL's, GRIMES's and ROBINSON's—which, after getting into position, silenced the rebels at this point, and relieved Gen. BURNSIDE's corps from a fire from which they would have otherwise been compelled to fall back.

Some of the most desperate fighting ever recorded in history took place on this field. In passing over the ground to-day, the evidence was manifested where the most deadly contests occurred, the dead and dying lying thick, and in rows, where they had fallen, on the enemy's centre.

Three lines of battle had been formed from a point west of the Hagerstown Turnpike across the road and several fields, to near the Boonsboro Turnpike—a distance of about half a mile—and these lines were almost as distinct as when the living masses still formed them, the dead lying so close as to be nearly within reach of one another's hands along the entire distance, while in many places they lay one upon another.

The enemy at this point were attacked by KING's, RICKETTS's and SEDWICK's Divisions, and the rebels, although maintaining their ground for a time, were compelled to give way, their loss being frightfully large. DUFFIE's Brigade, which opened this attack, lost above half its force, but maintained its position until relieved by fresh troops. Its loss in officers was as follows: Capt. Kelly, of the One Hundred and Fourth New-York; Lieut. Buckley, of the One Hundred and Fifth New-York—killed; Lieut.-Col. Carroll, Capt. Bradley, Maj. Shedd and Lieut. Dewitts, of the One Hundred and Fifth, and Capt. Tuttle, Lieut. Dow and Lieut. Wilson, of the One Hundred and Fourth, and Lieut. Delano, of the Ninety-seventh, wounded. This brigade lost 482 in killed and wounded, out of about 900 who went into action.

The enemy's loss in killed at this part of the field was at least two to our one, and many were of the opinion it would average the same all over the battle-ground. This is accounted for by the fact that our men fire high, while the rebels seem to be particularly instructed to fire low. The prisoners say they always like to meet a regiment of Zouaves with red trowsers, as these serve as distinctive marks. In evidence of this, take the casualties of the Fourteenth Brooklyn and Fifth New-York Regiments—three-fourths of the casualties among them in every battle being in the lower limbs.

At a piece of woods where they made a stand, after being driven back, GORMAN's Brigade, of SEDWICK's Division, suffered heavy loss, having 500 killed and wounded, about half of their entire number. One regiment—the Fifteenth Massachusetts—had 500 on going into the fight, and were only able to muster 200 after they came out of it. The officers killed and wounded in this regiment are: Capt. C. S. Simonds, Lieut. E. Derby, Lieut. F. S. Corbin, killed; and Lieut. W. Gale, Lieut. L. S. Billingsley, Capt. W. Parchard, Lieut. T. J. Spear, Capt. Bartlett, Capt. Jocelyn, and Lieut. A. J. Bradley, all slightly wounded. The division succeeded in driving the enemy from the woods, and held it for some time, but were finally compelled to abandon it and fall back. This is the only portion of the field we gained from which our troops were compelled to retire. Those who fell at this spot were found stripped of their clothing by the rebels, some bodies being entirely naked.

At a spot near the church, on the centre of the battle-field, a major, two lieutenants and three privates were found dead, having been shot to pieces by a shell. The church in almost every part was riddled with balls.

In the haste of their retreat, the enemy left above five hundred of their wounded at houses and barns, where they had established hospitals, and very few of their dead were buried, excepting officers, their graves being dotted in every direction in the rear of their lines. A large number of men supposed were brought off the field in our ambulances, and cared for by our Surgeons. At one of their hospitals some of our wounded had been taken, and the officers in charge having forgotten to parole them, a Brigadier-General returned on Friday morning, in the night and had gone; but a few minutes when a cavalry soldier appeared, who gave them, firing his revolver at the flying rebel, but without effect.

An incident is related of a boy belonging to the Ninth New-York Regiment, whose name could not be ascertained, who stood in front of the regiment while it engaged the enemy at short range, in which position he fired all his cartridges, then took his dead comrade's cartridge-box and fired the entire contents—in all, ninety-five rounds, not receiving a scratch the whole time, notwithstanding the ground was covered with dead and wounded all around him. The regiment was ordered to charge a rise on where the rebels were concealed, and our young hero was the first who entered it, the enemy flying at the approach of the bayonet.

The loss of the rebels in this battle was very heavy, and evidently exceeded ours. A wounded soldier of the Second North Carolina said his regiment left Richmond a month ago 700 strong, and on Thursday morning could muster only 200.

A negro who was captured and who knows Jeff. Davis well, states that he saw him with his arm in a sling on Friday upon the field. Gen. ELZEY was killed. One of the prisoners states that Gen. JOE JOHNSTON died recently at Richmond of wounds received at Fair Oaks.

KILLED AND WOUNDED.

LOSSES OF THE THIRTEENTH MASSACHUSETTS.

HEADQUARTERS, Saturday, Sept. 20.

The following is an official report of the casualties in the Thirteenth Massachusetts Regiment in the battle of the 17th:

Company A—Killed—William J. Barry, Charles H. Nelson, S. S. Gould. Wounded—Serg. R. R. Henderson, Edward A. Allen, J. B. Barker, Jr., David Chenery, Walter S. Fowler, M. A. Fitzgerald, J. J. A. Hibbard, J. P. Sanford, J. D. Thurber, W. T. Pollard, James H. Lowell, Charles W. Shelton, Emanuel Hutz, Albert F. Shelton, A. Davis, G. S. Sawyer, J. A. Hyo, William A. Soule.

Company B—Killed—George Whitefield. Wounded—Corp. D. J. Hicks, hand; R. M. Armstrong, ankle; G. N. Emerson, leg; C. N. Richards, face; P. C. Whidden, leg; E. J. Mooney, leg; J. B. Noyes, leg; E. D. Dexton, leg; Serg. G. S. Worcester, foot; Corp. E. W. Brigham, ankle.

Company C—Wounded—J. H. Simpson, arm; Corporal A. A. Sheafe, arm; J. S. Appleton, arm; C. H. Allin, foot; E. Archibald, thigh; C. H. Brigham, side; Samuel Currier, thigh; Wm. F. Ewell, scalp; John Foley, arm; E. A. Wood, arm and side.

Co. D—Killed—Private D. S. Thurber and J. S. Lawrence. Wounded—Lieut. Pope, arm; Serg. J. F. Read, O. H. Tobey, J. F. E. Kendall, Corp. J. Edmisfield, A. H. Greenwood, Ira Bowman, Jas. L. Parker, Darwin Bardett, A. E. Sanders, Frank Ripley, E. A. Pearson, G. F. Leslie.

Co. E—James Bacon, leg; John R. Beaty, foot; —— Baker, arm; E. L. Danforth, leg; Anton Kraciskie, leg; C. C. Nurse, leg.

Company F—Killed—F. J. Oddy. Wounded—W. D. Barton, C. E. Haynes, J. S. Stone, W. P. Howe, H. R. Wheeler, C. A. Howe, E. W. Freeze, J. H. Morse, S. H. Garfield.

Company G—Killed—S. G. Berry, E. H. Lowell. Wounded—Corpl. H. A. Dunham, J. S. Hartshorn, J. W. Spencer, J. D. C. Albee, G. P. Bowen, C. A. Bryant, J. Callahan, C. T. Drew, C. H. Dyer, L. C. Estabrook, E. A. Fiske, N. M. Foss, C. H. Lang, H. H. Lade, J. C. Perkins, G. H. Parsons, E. Smith, C. A. Whiting, C. H. Wood, E. F. Wright.

Co. H—Killed—A. P. Hall, J. H. Smith. Wounded—Corporal D. E. Reed, D. Gray, C. E. Barker, Weick, Geo. W. Gale, Millard Morse, E. F. Adams, Everetts, Berry, Mastage—Geo. W. Smith.

Co. I—Wounded—Lieut. Foxhound, Serj. Parker, Kussel, John M. Collins, Dennis J. Donovan, Rufus Howe.

Company K—Killed—Thomas Gamill, H. Holden. Wounded—Capt. Charles H. Hovey; Sergts. A. E. Greenwood, W. W. Fay; Corps. M. A. Stevenson and W. H. Lidney; A. E. Chamberlain, J. H. Cutting, H. A. Fairbanks, William W. Gamill, George M. Gates, C. A. Trask, C. H. Wellington, C. Hartwell, A. Berry, W. R. Bunce, Geo. W. Gilford.

Whole number in the battle, 301; wounded, 131; killed, 14; missing, 1; total, 136.

THE CONNECTICUT DEAD.

Private Culver, of the Connecticut Sixteenth, arrived here to-day with the body of Capt. Manross. The body of Capt. Griswold, Co. I, of the Connecticut Eleventh, also arrived here to-day under escort. They will both be forwarded to Hartford by Col. ALMY. Private Culver reports the Sixteenth and Eleventh have both suffered seriously in the late battle. Col. CHENEY of the Sixteenth is wounded in the left arm, not killed, as reported. Maj. WASHBURN is wounded. The Adjutant and Capt. MIX were not wounded. Several others are reported killed and wounded, including Lieut. McDonald, Co. F, wounded in arm; Lieut. Barnum, Co. E, slightly; Sergt. Bailey, Co. K, killed; Sergt. Kraszynski, Co. K, hip; Corp. Rosebadly; and Privates Drake, Wm. Lane and Wm. Houghton, of Co. K, killed. In the Eleventh Regiment, Col. Kingsbury was killed, Lieut.-Col. Griffin Stedman was slightly wounded in the leg; Maj. Macglinn was seriously wounded in the leg. In the Eighth Regiment, Lieut. Eli Main, Co. F, badly wounded in hip, and Lieut. Russell, of Co. H, was severely wounded.

Ex-Gov. DOUGLASS, of Connecticut, accompanied Gen. MANSFIELD's body home.

DEATH OF COL. DWIGHT.

BOSTON, Saturday, Sept. 20.

A private dispatch received by the family of Col. WILDER DWIGHT, of the Massachusetts Second Regiment, announces that he died from the effects of his wounds last evening.

EVENTS PRECEDING THE BATTLE.

Delayed Letter from Our Special Correspondent.

HEADQUARTERS, NEAR SHARPSBURGH, Tuesday, Sept. 16, 1862.

The two armies occupied about the same position this morning that they did last night. Your correspondent, feeling the knawings of hunger, went forward to a house of the bridge and obtained a breakfast from a good Union family, directly under the noses of the rebel skirmishers and a little beyond our pickets. I then seated myself in the shade of a barn and commenced to write this letter to the TIMES, but the rebels having no respect for persons, soon induced me to leave that position and take refuge in a barn with a stone basement. While seated in a door-way, several shells fell inconveniently near, one within four feet but fortunately or unfortunately, it did not explode, and it was captured as a curiosity. The rebels, doubtless conceiving the idea that there was some important personage in the barn, fired some 30 shot and shell at it—but only wounding a mule yesterday. Feeling that being between two fires was rather an unpleasant, if not a very dangerous position, I retired upon a favorable hill in the storm of shell and shot that had been raging for an hour, and made rapid time on foot, leaving my horse behind to a place of comparative safety just behind the German New-York Battery. Just as I had fairly seated myself I saw Maj. AMES, of the New-York Artillery, fall at the second gun from the right. He is mortally wounded. Sixteen pieces of the New-York German Artillery, Maj. AMES, were covered upon the enemy's batteries on our right early this morning, and it is now they opened the ball. The adaptation of things in front. Two batteries of the enemy were quickly silenced, and a large number of men were seen to fall. The fire was kept up by the New-York German Artillery, some 12-pound Parrott, and they [illegible] fully handled. Capt. YATES and [illegible] battery was engaged a short time and [illegible] battery on the enemy's right. A cannon [illegible] two gun batteries, also belonging to the [illegible] German Artillery, mounted in position on the [illegible] played with that which was the enemy's [illegible] which was before the commencement was [illegible] great spirit on our side. It is now [illegible] the testimonies are that the rebels have [illegible].

Our losses this morning are as follows:

Major AMES, wounded in side—serious, probably mortal.

Color Sergeant TURNER, Co. B, was [illegible] Irish Brigade—wounded in [illegible].

Sergeant KING, Co. E,—69th Massachusetts—wounded in hip.

SEVENTH NEW-YORK.

John Kehrer, Co. E—wounded in [illegible].

Corp. Henry Stewart, Co. E—killed.

Corp. Dominick Ryan, Co. A—wounded.

August Smith, Co. A—wounded in back.

Fred. Reiter, Co. C—wounded in [illegible].

SECOND DELAWARE.

Jacob Wain, Co. B—wounded in [illegible].

Cornelius Calcher, Co. C—wounded in [illegible].

FIFTY-SECOND NEW-YORK.

Solomon Lichtenfeld—killed.

Serg. Dienbach—wounded in head.

The whole of Richardson's Division was engaging the batteries.

THE BATTLE OF IUKA.

Victory of Gen. Rosecrans over Gen. Price.

The Rebel Force Estimated at Eighteen Thousand.

Capture of Baggage, Arms and Prisoners.

IUKA, MISS., Saturday, Sept. 20.

To Maj.-Gen. H. W. Halleck, General-in-Chief:

Gen. ROSECRANS, with STANLEY's and HAMILTON's Divisions and MISSOURI's Cavalry, encamped Paris south of this village about two hours before dark yesterday, and had a sharp fight until night closed in.

Gen. Ord was to the north, with an equal force of about 8,000 men, and had some skirmishing with the rebel picket.

This morning the fight was renewed by Gen. ROSECRANS, who was nearest to the town, but it was found that the enemy had been evacuating during the night, going south. Gen. HAMILTON and STANLEY with cavalry, are in full pursuit.

This will no doubt break up the enemy, and prevent them to abandon most of their artillery.

The loss on either side, in killed and wounded, is from 400 to 500. The enemy's loss in arms, baggage, will be large. We have about 500 prisoners.

I have reliable intelligence that it was PRICE's intention to move over east of the Tennessee. In this he has been thwarted.

Among the enemy's loss are Gen. LOVELL killed and Gen. WHITING wounded.

I cannot speak too highly of the energy and skill displayed by Gen. ROSECRANS in the attack, and of the endurance of the troops. Gen. ORD's command showed untiring zeal, but the circuitous route by the enemy prevented them from taking the active part they desired. PRICE's force was about 18,000.

U. S. GRANT, Major-General.

NEWS FROM FORTRESS MONROE.

A Large Force of Rebels said to be Threatening Suffolk and Norfolk.

FORTRESS MONROE, Friday, Sept. 19.

The Steamboat *Commodore* left here this morning with a flag of truce for Aiken's Landing, Mr. LAMBERT in charge, taking up five ladies from Norfolk, and intending to bring down all the Union prisoners that are able to come.

There is a rumor that a rebel force, numbering from 15,000 to 20,000 men, is in the vicinity of Blackwater river, but ample preparations have been made to repel their invasion, if that is their intention.

On the reception of the news of the death of Gen. MANSFIELD, the flag on Fortress Monroe was placed at half mast.

Volunteers Marching.

SARGENT'S HANDS, Saturday, Sept. 20.

Two more battalions of artillery, numbering about 1,100 men, under the command of Major MINGLEWOOD and Colonel GILMORE, left Madison Barracks at 2 o'clock P. M. to-day, en route to New-York, being the balance of the contingent for Jefferson and Lewis Counties, under the Governor's call for 600,000 men. Jefferson County has raised four regiments, besides several independent batteries and recruits for old regiments in the field. The last quota has been filled by 2,000 magnificent, able-bodied young men, the sons of Jefferson and Lewis Counties.

The Indian Troubles.

OMAHA, Saturday, Sept. 20.

The messengers dispatched by Acting Gov. FLANDREAU to the northern settlements of this Territory, some 200 miles from here, report that the panic created by the Indian massacres in Minnesota has entirely subsided, and that the settlers have returned to their homes. There are now no hostile Indians within the limits of this Territory. There is a remote probability of any trouble to settlers in any section from Indian depredations.

From New-Mexico.

KANSAS CITY, Friday, Sept. 19.

The Santa Fé mail, with dates to the 7th inst., arrived last evening. The news is meagre. The Navajoe Indians are making extensive raids in New-Mexico. On the 30th ult., they attacked a ranch near San Miguel. They killed one man, wounded two, and took two captives. They also took a herd of sheep, and 300 head of cattle belonging to ZALIAVE GARNIERS and JOSE ——.

The Kansas Republican State Convention.

LEAVENWORTH, Friday, Sept. 19.

The Republican State Convention yesterday nominated a full State ticket, headed by THOMAS CARNEY as the man, for Governor. All the Wilder men of this city were not in the convention, and are going by the same Convention.

AMERICAN AFFAIRS IN PARIS.

Mr. Lincoln's Speech to the Colored Deputation—The French Press on Mr. Seward's Emigration Circular—How French Emigration May be Encouraged—Message from a Rebel Soldier on his Way to France—The Secessionists Journals on Jeff. Davis's Proclamation—Gossip in Paris.

[Correspondence of The New-York Times.]

PARIS, Friday, Sept. 5, 1862.

[illegible] Washington lends itself to the many misrepresentations that the secession writers [illegible] text for the development of their doctrines. But their masters, the Southern [illegible] to understand from the outset that the great thing to prove is that Slavery has nothing to do with the war, and that the North is as much the victim of secessionists as the Union on the South. This is the important point, to be constantly kept before the French people, and this is exactly the point which they attempt to prove by an adroit combination of Mr. LINCOLN'S speech. The stumbling-block of the Southern Confederacy in Europe is Slavery, and it is their interest as much as possible the prejudice [illegible] of this fact, then attempt to prove that the North has much the enmity of the Negro as the South.

The liberal journals, while admiring the general antipathy of the American people North and South to negro slavery, yet take occasion to defend Mr. LINCOLN personally from this prejudice, and find in his speech matter for a high eulogium on his humanity. They are especially exultant at his incidental remark, that slavery was the cause of the war, for so little has been said about this by Union speakers in America, and so constantly have they been demanding of the people who had for a task to prove the contrary, that a little aid from so high a authority as the President went a long way in Europe. Scarcely others in Europe do sufficiently understand that there is a difference between a mixture of four million of free blacks, and a mixture of a few thousand, as at Rhode Island, nor do they seem to understand that the prejudice of the North against the blacks is natural, since in one-half of the country negroes are slaves, and in the other half the mixture in general creates for them a position beneath that of the whites.

The Emigration Circular addressed to the American Consuls in Europe, inviting emigration to the United States, has been appreciated in the Press exactly according to the Northern or Southern proclivities of the papers. The Liberal Press generally hailed it with [illegible], addressed to the workmen, commending them to avail themselves of this excellent opportunity, while the Secession Press only saw in it a trap to get food for powder. For [illegible] of the Liberal Press that Mr. SEWARD was not calling for soldiers, since foreigners were not subject to enrollment, the Secessionists reply, that the idea of work being plenty in the North at a time like this, is absurd, and that foreigners, once landed in the country, will have no other resource to prevent starvation than enlistment in the army.

[illegible] will be seen that the London papers do not adopt [illegible] opinions of Mr. SEWARD'S letter about work. They declare that the American Government is intriguing on a large scale to draw emigrants to America, knowing that once there, they will be forced to enlist, in order to obtain daily bread. The Paris *Constitutionnel*, after [illegible] to extract from the London *Times*, giving a [illegible] account of the condition of the [illegible] at the present moment, adds, in reference to Mr. SEWARD'S emigration circular: "And this in the moment chosen by the Government of the North to declare 'that at no previous time have the agricultural, manufacturing, and mining interests of the United States been so prosperous.' We should be content to laugh at so strange an assertion if we did not reflect that it might make dupes and victims in Europe, and drive to New-York credulous emigrants, who in search of the fortune which is insidiously promised them, would find no other resource than an enlistment in the Federal army. It is evidently a game which it is our duty to warn the public against."

Notwithstanding these warnings of the secession Press, there would be an immense emigration, if the French laborer was only in the condition of his brothers in Germany and in Great Britain: that is to say, if he had friends in America, to send him the money to pay his passage across the ocean. Such a disposition has already been shown by an immense number of French workmen, that, if the Government or companies should see fit to place money here in the hands of agents to pay the passage across the ocean, they could obtain in a month a hundred thousand French workmen, either for the army or for field labor, but exclusive of the army. But there are two difficulties: the Government of France would not permit any organized scheme of expatriation, under any pretext whatever; for in France they do not like to see their people emigrating elsewhere than into Algiers; and, without help, but a very limited number, indeed, of the class needed can find money enough to pay the voyage.

All the French papers publish the following notice, which first appeared in the *Droit*, a law paper in this city:

"After the bloody battle of Cross Keys, a Swedish officer, named S——, who had taken service in the United States, was going over the battle-field render-ing the last offices, when he came to a wounded French officer, who had served honorably under the flag of France, and who, when he had raised up by the Swedish officer, said to the latter: 'I thank you for your attentions, unfortunately they are useless, for I am mortally wounded and have but a few minutes to live. But you can render me a last service. Take this watch and jewelry, and if you ever go to Paris be good enough to give them to my poor wife, here is her address.'

"Some days after this event the Swedish officer returned to Europe, and passing through Paris endeavored to find the person he was charged to see. But the street had been demolished in the meantime to make room for one of those grand boulevards which are now being cut in every direction, and the officer was unable to find the widow. Under these circumstances the officer deposited the articles with the Prefect of Police, and the Prefect ordered the publication of this notice in the hope that the address of the widow might thus be found.

When the last Message of JEFF. DAVIS, or rather the telegraphic report of it, arrived at Paris, the secession journals denied its authenticity, because it was said to contain a paragraph stating that all negroes taken from the Northern armies with arms in their hands, should be sold and their white commanders hung. This was the method of those journals for avoiding the avowal that Slavery had anything to do with the war, or that there was any such thing as violence in the South. We are curious to see how they will receive the genuine document when it arrives.

The Bourse was in a great ferment for an hour yesterday, owing to a report, invented by some unscrupulous "bear," that Washington had been taken.

Owing to the high rate of exchange between America and Europe, the Americans are going home very rapidly, and in much larger numbers than they are coming out.

The *Moniteur*, official journal, has published an explanation of the late army movements, down to the junction at Gens. MCCLELLAN and POPE behind the Rappahannock, which is much in advance of and infinitely more intelligible than any thing we h[illegible] probably [illegible] in America.

A pamphlet [illegible] DOMENECH, entitled, "The Expedition to Mexico and the Bonapartes." The author favors putting on the throne of that country, one of the American BONAPARTES. But it is said that the chances of the Grand Duke MAXIMILIAN are again looking up, which are more regarded as extremely doubtful, for Spain will never consent to this arrangement, even if the Grand Duke would accept, which also is doubtful.

Mr. TOWNSEND HARRIS, late Diplomatic Agent of the United States in Japan, is now in Paris, on his way home to the United States.

Dr. MARION SIMS, Chief of the Women's Hospital of New-York, is now at Paris, asking his family for a prolonged stay abroad. The Doctor resumes next month to resume his duties in the hospital. Dr. BROWN, of the Bloomingdale Asylum, is also here visiting the Lunatic Asylums and the establishments for the treatment of mental diseases. Dr. DOMENECH, of New-York, who is conducting the experiments with his gunpowder, under the direction of the French War Office, has been shown a most striking experiment, or discovery, rather, made by a workman in one of the chemical laboratories; which, is that no explosive material, neither ordinary powder nor a [illegible] nor the fulminates of mercury or silver, will explode in a vacuum. When these materials are ignited under the receiver by means of an electric spark, they simply burn down, but do not explode. Dr. EDWARD CUTLER, of Woburn, Massachusetts, is also here, introducing into the hospitals of Europe, by publications, speeches and experiments, a medicinal plant which has been found highly useful in America as an arterial sedative, the *Verbena Verde*. On the Doctor's recommendations it is being extensively tried in the hospitals of Dublin, Edinburgh, London, Paris and Vienna. MALAKOFF.

AFFAIRS IN WESTERN VIRGINIA.

Rebel Raids in Mexico and Jackson Counties—Destruction of Private Property—Deplorable State of the Country—The Rebels Cross the Ohio—Rumors of their Capture.

RAVENSWOOD, JACKSON CO., WESTERN VIRGINIA, Sept. 13, 1862.

JOHN D. ROGERS, Esq.—*Dear Sir*: I rise from a sick bed to give you a brief history of what has been transpiring in this portion of Western Virginia within the past few days.

You will have seen in the public prints accounts of rebel raids upon Buckhannon, Sutton and Weston in the latter part of August. It passed much alarm here and at Parkersburgh, when intelligence reached the Ohio River that the enemy in considerable force were coming this way, without any adequate force to stay their onward progress. At a late hour on Tuesday night, Sept. 9, I had been in consultation with several of our prominent citizens relative to the defenses of this place, and we separated with the understanding that a meeting should be called for the ensuing night. Retiring to my house, I had scarcely closed my eyes in sleep when I heard the long roll of the drum, when I instantly arose, and made my way to the headquarters of Capt. Z. H. BURST, temporarily in command of this post, where I learned that a courier was in from the headquarters of the Eleventh Virginia, at Spencer, Roane County, only thirty miles distant, with an order from Col. J. C. RAYMOND for all the troops here to come to his relief, as he was surrounded. The force here at that date was Capt. BURST'S company of about eighty effective men; a portion of Capt. KING'S, and a new company just mustered into the service, under Capt. GUMM, numbering 70 men, but poorly armed. These troops all belonged to the Eleventh Virginia.

At midnight of the 9th inst., Capt. BURST left here with his command, ostensibly for Spencer, but, in reality, to go anywhere where there would be the least probability of meeting the approaching enemy. I do not censure him for not marching his command to Spencer, in pursuance of the same order of his Colonel, as the latter had already turned over his men to the enemy without firing a gun; but he should have remained here and defended the post committed to his charge in the temporary absence of Lieut.-Col. FISHER. Capt. BURST may be able to explain why he did not do so, and we trust that he may be able to show that his mysterious conduct on this occasion was not the result of cowardice. Suffice it to say, that Ravenswood was left with but the new company above referred to, (GUMM'S,) and a small squad of Capt. KING'S command, to defend it, together with all the commissary stores, the regimental train and horses. The latter were got over the Ohio River on Wednesday afternoon, together with eleven cases of Enfield rifles, which had reached here on the morning of that day on a small steamer from Parkersburgh. Many of the Union families of the town had boxed up and passed over the river a few of their more valuable goods, and a large number of women and children had sought shelter in Ohio.

It was thus affairs stood on Thursday morning, About 9 A. M. of Wednesday, the surrender of Spencer was fully confirmed, and from that hour until the final appearance of the enemy below the town on Thursday, the wildest excitement prevailed on both sides of the river. At 10½ A. M. a flag of truce approached the town, and its surrender demanded. It is needless to say the demand was complied with, a majority of our little band, however, managing to escape. Quite a number effected a passage of the river by the aid of two flats lying at the wharf, and gaining the opposite shore, opened a brisk fire upon the rebels as they rode down the various streets to the river bank. The action, if such it can be termed, was kept up for about an hour, and it resulted in wounding some fifteen of the rebels, several of them very severely. Not one soldier was harmed on our side. Had our troops been supplied with the new guns (the Enfields,) they would have occasioned many a rebel to bite the dust. The river here is about eight hundred yards wide, and most of our guns were muskets, and those not of the best sort.

After the firing ceased, and the starved rebels had enjoyed a sumptuous repast, which they forced poor, frightened Union women to prepare, they engaged in what they allege to be a laudable business, namely, the sacking and burning of Yankee stores. There happened to be but one such in town—that of ARMSTRONG & ROSS. They did not leave a dollar's worth of their entire stock undestroyed. Next they broke open the wharf-boat of D. J. KERNEY, cut the sacks, and emptied into the river a vast quantity of wheat, destroyed some very valuable goods belonging to JOHN L. RUSSELL, Esq., of Alfred, Alleghany County, New-York. Thence they proceeded to the office of the *Virginia Chronicle*, broke it open, gathered up the type and carried it into the rear yard, then carried out a three months' supply of paper, and with other combustible matter collected in the office, made such a bonfire as the enemies of liberty and of a free Press only take delight in. Having consumed, or, rather, melted *my type*, they procured a sledge-hammer and broke the press, and then howled because they could not find the "d——d Yankee editor, to roast upon the burning pile." This was the work of Maj. SWEENY, of TERRILL'S Cavalry, and formerly a resident of Wheeling.

I had left my office only after the town was given up, and barely escaped across the river when the rebels opened fire upon us. Having been laboring under severe indisposition for more than two weeks, I was in no condition for a stampede. I made my way, however, to Racine, Ohio, a town 25 miles by river and 10 by land, below Ravenswood. The rebels evacuated this place on Thursday night, and about four hundred of them crossed the river a half mile below town, and not at the foot of Buffington, as has been stated, arriving in Racine about 9 P. M. I had just retired when the guns of the Home Guard announced the arrival of the rebels. It was too ill to rise, and consequently kept my bed until morning; and it is positively said that I die, as they made inquiry for me, and gave fresh vent to their wrath against all "Yankee editors." They secured all the horses they could on the route, and recrossed the river at Racine, and were soon after joined by their comrades, who came down from Ravenswood on the Virginia side.

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My strength, already exhausted, will use, and I must close. Hoping to hear from you soon, I am, very truly, yours, C. H. HARMON.

DEPARTMENT OF NORTH CAROLINA.

The Recent Attack of the Rebels upon Washington—The Services of the Gunboats Louisiana—The Rebels Preparing to Attack Newbern, etc.

NEWBERN, N. C., Friday, Sept. 12, 1862—9 A. M.

The United States transport steamer *Patuxent* leaves this port at 7 o'clock A. M., for Roanoke Island, to connect with the mail steamer *Fort Pickens* Monroe. The sad disaster at Washington, N. C., by the accidental explosion of the magazine in the gunboat *Picket* leaves a perfect wreck of that noble boat. The loss of lives is not quite so great as first reported, while the number of wounded is more—16 being killed and 13 wounded.

The audacious raid on the town at the same time by an overwhelming rebel force, proved to have been more reckless and its results more tenable to the enemy, than was first supposed. The enemy surprised, and took the town, and commenced slaughtering the First North Carolina Union Volunteers, who were asleep in their barracks on the bank of the river, under the guns of the war steamer *Louisiana*, R. T. RENSHAW commanding. Two thousand of the enemy's sharpshooters attacked the *Louisiana*, and attempted to drive the gunners from their guns, but failed. Our troops drove the enemy out of their barracks, and the *Louisiana* drove them out of the town with great slaughter. Our wounded have been brought to Newbern to make room for the enemy's wounded, who have filled up all our hospitals at Washington. R. T. RENSHAW, commanding the gunboat Louisiana, and Master EDWARD HOGAN, the Executive Officer, both behaved in the most gallant manner, and are recognized as the heroes of the day.

In this action the crew lost all the officers of this noble boat save, by their unparalleled bravery, gives the greatest exhibition of naval power yet witnessed in these waters.

Every officer and man should be promoted, as a reward for their heroic deeds. While the sides of the *Louisiana* were dotted all over with the enemy's bullets and her decks bathed in blood, not an officer or man left his position for a moment while the action lasted, though two thousand bullets were continually hailing about them from as many sharpshooters. Paymaster WILLIAMS, Surgeon BRADLEY and Chief Engineer LEE also rendered valuable assistance and displayed much bravery.

The announcement that the President has ordered an election to be held in the First and Second Congressional Districts in this State, is causing the Union sentiment to be developed in a very emphatic manner, and the present indications of things give promise of a very interesting and exciting canvass. Some six or eight men of prominence, in each District, are already spoken of as candidates.

The enemy are concentrating in large numbers at Goldsboro and Kingston, with the intention of attacking Newbern, it is said. Gen. FOSTER has called for a few more regiments to enable him to assume the offensive, which will make lively work again in this Department.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Funeral Obsequies of the late Father Schneller.

The funeral obsequies of the late Father SCHNELLER, Pastor of St. Paul's (R. C.) Church, in Court-street, were celebrated in that Church, at 10½ o'clock Saturday morning. The body of the venerable deceased, inclosed in a handsome rosewood coffin, and dressed in his robes of office, was placed at 4 o'clock Saturday morning on a handsome catafalque, in the centre aisle of the church, opposite the main altar. The lid of the coffin was open, exposing the face of the dead, on which rested such a serene and benignant expression that it seemed but the semblance and not the reality of death. The altar and other portions of the church were draped in deep mourning, and from an early hour in the morning the church was filled by a mourning throng of the late congregation of the lamented deceased clergyman, who, each in their turn, passed by the open coffin, and cast a sorrowful and lingering gaze at the pastor (they all knew so intimately and loved so well. The pupils of the Convent of the Sisters of Mercy, and the inmates of the Orphan Asylum, both of whom had lost in him a father, the guardian of one, who has exercised such a paternal care over them, occupied one of the side aisles of the church, habited in white coifettes, presenting an imposing view. The services commenced at half-past ten, with Father KENZIE as celebrant, Father FAGAN as deacon, Father MCKENNA as sub-deacon, and a large concourse of clergymen, assisted in the ceremonies, among whom were the Right Rev. Bishop LAUGHLIN, of this diocese; Revds. Messrs. CONSTANTINE PISE, D.D., MULLANE, MCGUIRE, DELAVAN, MCGOVERN, O'FARRELL, VERNON, MALONE, MCCLOSKEY, MCDONNELL and O'NEAL. Just before the final ceremonies, the Rev. Dr. PISE ascended the pulpit, and delivered an eloquent and feeling eulogy on the deceased. He laid particular stress upon his charitable disposition, and during the delivery of the preacher's eloquent remarks, very many of the congregation were moved to tears, and stifled sobs were heard from all parts of the building. The musical portion of the services were conducted by Mr. MAX BRACH, the competent organist of the church, and consisted of SCHMITZ'S requiem Mass, which was excellently rendered by Madame ARCHIZES and Miss NEWMAN as soprani, Mr. WEINLICH as basso, Mr. JOHN BROWN and Mr. HOFFMAN, tenorii, and Miss NEWMAN as contralto. At the conclusion of the exercises the body was conveyed to the Cemetery of the Holy Cross, at Flatbush, for interment, followed by a large *cortège* of the parishioners of the deceased and others.

GENERAL CITY NEWS.

A SUSPICIOUS CASE OF DROWNING—A COLORED MAN FOUND IN THE WATER WITH HIS FACE TIED.—Coroner COLLIN on Saturday held an inquest upon the body of JOHN COOPER, (colored,) aged 20 years, who was found in the water at the foot of Harrison-street, at a late hour on Friday evening, under circumstances which render it almost certain that the deceased had been the victim of foul play. The evidence, as developed upon the inquest, is briefly and substantially as follows: Late on Friday evening, Capt. HARDY, of the barge *N. F. Whitby*, heard a man, who was then in the water near the stern of his barge, shouting and bellowing as if he were in a drowning condition. The Captain soon procured a light, and then he found the deceased was struggling in the water and trying to seize hold of some part of the barge to save himself from sinking. A boat-hook was procured, and with the assistance of others, the unfortunate man was raised to the deck of the barge, in a very exhausted condition. It was then ascertained that his feet were tied firmly together, with a quantity of thread. The Police of the Fifth Precinct were notified, and Cooper was taken to the Station-house, where he died yesterday morning. The jury rendered a verdict that "deceased came to his death by suffocation, of the lungs, caused by immersion in the water." The whole transaction has a very suspicious appearance, and the police are trying to ferret out the mystery. The deceased, on his way to the Station-House, told the officers that some smart fellow had tied his feet and then thrown him overboard.

OLD POSTAGE STAMPS.—The public are respectfully reminded that the old postage stamps—those having rosettes in the corners, instead of the figures and letters surrounding the medallion on the face of the stamp now in use—are worthless. Postmaster WAKEMAN has kindly consented to redeem the few old stamps that seem to have been discovered in out-of-the-way places, where they had lain, unknown to their owners, many of whom now offer them, unconsciously of their blank-paper worthlessness. It should be added that this is not an institution established for speculators of enterprise to engage in the purchase and sale of the old postage-stamps which were stolen by the postmasters down in Dixie. Retain the old stamps. Scrutinize, also, your incoming stamps. Some are counterfeits; others are altered stamps, that have been taken from letters. Let it be remembered, that the genuine and undoubted at the post-office, and compare the same with any that may be offered.

THE REMAINS OF COL. MCNEIL.—The body of Col. HUGH MCNEIL, of the Pennsylvania Bucktails, who was killed at the head of his regiment during the [illegible] morning taken to the City Hall, where, apparently in [illegible] [illegible] Thursday. The passage ways and Governor's Room were neatly draped in black. The remains, which were encased in a metallic coffin, draped in black and covered with the Union colors, were received with military honors by a detachment of the Fifth Regiment, N. Y. S. M. Lieut. RENSHAW commanding. The guard during the day, and until the friends of the deceased took charge of the remains to convey them to Seneca Falls, the residence of Col. MCNEIL'S family. While the body lay in state in the Governor's Room, large numbers of our citizens visited the City Hall to pay the last sad ceremony of respect and honor to the illustrious dead. The flags on the City Hall and other public buildings were run up at half-mast during the day.

SMALL CHANGE.—It is not perhaps generally known that the public can send their old silver to the Mint and have it coined into halves, quarters and other small change at short notice. The only condition is that the Mint does not receive packages less than one hundred dollars in value. Any of the Express Companies receive and forward such packages, and the coin is returned in a very short time, say in a week or so. Now is the time for families who have old silver on hand that they would prefer to see in some other shape, to get it together and send it to the Mint, and in that way do themselves and the public a great service.

THE CONNECTION.—The Broadway Railroad, or what is called the "Parallel Railroad," which is to occupy Broadway above Fourteenth-street and the streets parallel below that point, has been commenced, and the rails are now laid from Fifty-ninth-street down to Forty-sixth; and yesterday more than a thousand men were at work below, the company pushing it forward with extraordinary energy. This movement is consequent upon special decisions, that the "Gridiron Railroad" grants are all legal.

CHANGES AMONG THE POLICE.—The following changes have been made in the Police Department during the last week:

Appointments—Jacob C. Swett to the Fourth Precinct; Charles Birrfield to the Seventh; Joseph H. Andrews and Andrew H. Gilmore to the Eighth; John McCombs to the Forty-second; Elias H. Hauxhurst to the Twenty-ninth; Benjamin R. Beers to the Forty-third; Abram Johnson to the Forty-fourth; John Wm. Gregory, George M. Shelton and Andrew Gregory, (doorman,) to the Forty-ninth. Resignation—James L. Tower, of the Thirty-third Precinct; Albert Stevens, of the Twenty-first Precinct; and Andrew Gregory, of the Forty-ninth. Dismissed—John Leary, of the Third Precinct.

SUICIDE BY SUBMERSION.—Coroner WILDEY Saturday held an inquest upon the body of ISAAC LOSEKAN, a Swede, aged 45 years, who shot himself in the mouth with a revolver, on board the ship *Burgomeister*, lying at Pier No. 60 North River. The deceased was the carpenter of the above-named ship, and during the last passage to New-York, he was robbed of all his spare clothes and other valuables. These losses, it is believed, so preyed upon his mind as to lead him to commit suicide.

A FIREMAN KILLED.—WM. WILCOX, a member of Hook and Ladder Company No. 15, was run over on Friday night by steam fire-engine No. 22, while proceeding to the fire in Attorney-street, and so seriously injured that he died a few hours after wards. His blame is attached to any one, the deceased having stumbled and fallen to the pavement, and those having the engine in charge could not avoid running over him, though great exertions were made to prevent it. A fireman named EDWARD RUDDY was also run over and much injured, but it is believed he will recover.

PRIZE SALE OF COTTON.—Mr. SIMEON DRAPER sold, Saturday forenoon, at auction, by order of the Prize Commissioners, the cargo of the schooner *Lucy O. Holmes*, consisting of 140 bales of cotton. The sale took place at the Union Stores, Brooklyn. Forty-one bales, which had been damaged by water, were sold for 30 cents per pound. One hundred and ten bales sound were knocked down at 31½ cents. The schooner *Anna Sophia*, built at Nassau in 1860, was also sold by order of the Prize Commissioners. She was purchased by LOCKER & LOVEJOY for $6,125.

THE YOUNG DEMOCRACY AWAKE.—The New-York Democratic Union Association, which embraces most of the active young men of the party of this City, will open the campaign with a banner-raising and public meeting at their headquarters, No. 939 Broadway, on Tuesday evening, upon which occasion several eminent public speakers will address the meeting.

A meeting of the returned prisoners of the Sixty-ninth Regiment was held at No. 42 Pitmer-street, on Friday evening, and a committee appointed, consisting of Capt. THOMAS DUNNAN, JOHN T. MCNEIL and MICHAEL HERRMAN, to take measures to present Sergt. GEO. COCHRAN a medal, to mark their sense of his kindness to them in prison. The medal is of appropriate design, of solid gold, and cost $250.

AN ITALIAN GONDOLA FOR THE CENTRAL PARK.—An Italian gondola, on a large truck, passed through Wall-street Saturday on its way to the Central Park. It came out in a vessel from Italy, and is of the style and shape peculiar to the gondolas so generally used in Venice. It is intended to be fitted up as a sort of pleasure boat on the lake in the Central Park.

NEW-YORK HOSPITAL.—Weekly report to September 13, 1862:

	Surgical.	Medical.	Total.
Remaining on Sept. 12	133	198	331
Admitted to Sept. 19	29	19	48
Discharged, cured or relieved	31	18	49
Died	2	5	7
Remaining at date	129	194	323

Males, 293; females, 30.

J. DARRACH, Superintendent.

THE JEWISH RECORD.—The second number of Mr. COHEN'S *Jewish Record* is amongst our exchanges, and presents a most interesting editorial and miscellaneous page. The varied literary and news matter which it contains, speak well for the brain and the enterprise of its conductor, and we trust the experiment will eventuate a success.

CORONER'S INQUESTS.—The body of a female infant, a few days old, was found yesterday morning, floating in the water at the foot of Thirtieth-street, North River. The child was in a basket, and a quantity of rags was wrapped around it. A verdict of death from drowning was rendered by the Coroner's Jury.... A colored man, named JOSEPH MILLER, aged 35 years, steward on the towboat *Illinois*, accidentally fell overboard at the foot of Corlears-street, on Saturday evening, and was drowned. The body was not recovered.

FIRE IN SHERIFF-STREET.—At 4 o'clock yesterday morning, a fire occurred in the stables and carpenter shop attached to Messrs. KOEHLER & BROWNE'S brewery, Nos. 10 and 12 Sheriff-street. The damage to the stock and fixtures amounted to about $1,000. The loss on the building will be about $400. The latter is fully insured in the Amsterdam and other insurance companies.

THEFT OF TREASURY NOTES.—JULIA MCINTOSH, a girl 22 years of age, was brought before Justice HOGAN on Sunday, charged with having robbed JAMES MURPHY, of No. 84 Oliver-street, of the sum of $95 in Treasury Notes. Officer UNDERHILL, of the Fourth Precinct, took JULIE into custody, and the magistrate committed her in default of $500 bail.

A DESPERATE SHOT.—Two colored men named WM. JOHNSON and GEORGE CORNELIUS, became involved in a quarrel at No. 43 Baxter-street, at a late hour on Saturday night, when CORNELIUS drew a pistol and fired two shots into JOHNSON'S face, one of them taking effect in the right cheek, and the other lodging over one of his eyes. The wounds inflicted are regarded dangerous. CORNELIUS was soon after taken into custody by the officers of the Sixth Precinct.

NEW-JERSEY.

A SKEDADDLE AT CAMP FRELINGHUYSEN.—Some 500 or 600 of the New-Jersey nine months volunteers, encamped at Camp Frelinghuysen, took French leave on Saturday morning. There were some 2,300 soldiers in the camp, and, as we learn from one of the Corporals who did not skedaddle, they had been promised a furlough to enable them to visit their homes before marching to the seat of war. The furlough was promised for Wednesday last, when the time came, they were requested to wait until they got their uniforms. The uniforms were furnished on Friday, when, to their surprise, they were informed that they were under marching orders, and could not have a furlough at all. This caused much ill-feeling in camp, but the soldiers, although they were determined to have their promised furlough, yet decided to proceed in a quiet and orderly manner. They therefore held a mass meeting, and appointed a Committee to wait upon the commanding officer and inform him that they should leave camp yesterday morning, with or without a furlough, and that they would all return again at any reasonable time that he would fix. Morning came, and, as the Colonel in command had decided that he had no power to grant furloughs while they were there mustering every about a third of the men, as above stated, skedaddled. Through the exertions of Capt. WATSON H. DOBB, and Capt. MEADE, of Newark, the remainder were persuaded to remain until arrangements could be made for their departure in a more soldier-like manner. Col. WM. SCOTT was daily expected upon to grant the men furlough until 9 o'clock Monday morning, all, upon the ground that he had no authority so to do. Furloughs were accordingly given to the remainder, and they departed quietly. It was stated in some of the evening papers that during the [illegible] one of the men who [illegible] Thursday. This [illegible] a mistake. This is a mistake, [illegible] hoping to [illegible] return, but it was not [illegible] and [illegible] was hurt. The affair did not partake of the nature of a riot in any respect, and there is no doubt that nearly all the skedaddlers will quietly return to camp. Indeed, they are expecting to [illegible] for the rest of war on Wednesday.

THE CITY GOVERNMENT.

[OFFICIAL.]

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

STATED SESSION—Saturday, Sept. 13, 1862—P. M.

Present—John Henry, Esq., President; Aldermen Smith, Walsh, Hall, Brady, Reed, Chipp, Mitchell, Dayton, Jeremiah, Foster, Scott, Allen, Ottiwell, Fromont, Farley.

The President being absent at roll call, on motion of Alderman Smith, Alderman Jeremiah was called to the Chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following communication was received from the Counsel to the Corporation, in answer to resolution of inquiry relative to the power of the Board of Aldermen, by a two-third vote, to remove from office, certain heads of Departments, &c.:

CITY OF NEW-YORK, LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION, Sept. 10, 1862.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

In answer to your resolutions on the following subject, I have to state that the Board of Aldermen, two-thirds of all the members elected, may have power to remove certain officers from office "for cause," and that they have so power of those officers for "cause as they shall deem be" has been derelict in the performance of his duties (section twenty-one.) Although the removal must be "for cause," when the cause must be is not declared by the statute. It has been argued that it would be good or sufficient cause, nor that the alleged cause must be in the power. These things are reported to the discretion of the removing power, and the Courts will not review the proceedings. In these points were passed upon by the Supreme Court in the contrary between Mr. Platt and Mr. Swan, for the Chamberlain's office (11 Johns. R.) In this case a cause for the removal was assigned, and [illegible] was no reason why the removal was not legal.

My attention has been called to the eighth section of the Act of 1857, which provides that "the eight hundred seats in this City shall be office—shall remain in office until after the enlargement of the next legislature, unless removed or official misconduct upon charges preferred before the Senator. The ninth section of the same act: "All Acts and parts of Acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed." Statute one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, page 852 (numbered and sixteen.) It is said that the repealing clause is obscure, and consequently that the part of the Charter which gives the Aldermen power to remove officers is not repealed. I am not of that opinion. The manifest intention of the Legislature—and the intent rather than the letter of a law governs—was to repeal, or rather amend, any provision of the Charter which was inconsistent with that act just been enacted, "until after the adjournment of the next legislature." Now, I think, the Act of 1857 is that, the new enactment was to govern, "inconsistent" with the remaining power of the Board of Aldermen.

The next question is, whether the various removals can constitute "cause" for the Chief Engineer, on the ground that the class of officers in question, that they "shall hold their offices for two years, and until the [illegible] of their successors." This seems to be entirely subject of the power of the Aldermen to remove the officer before the expiration of the two years, if they think it is in opinion a person who has been removed from a office before the expiration of his term is competent out of the office and can no longer act in an official capacity. The provision for holding for a term, and until a successor is appointed, means a holding over after the term has expired, and not after a removal from office. It would sometimes be very dangerous to allow a removed officer to act after the removal, as in case of a officer having a large sum of money in his hands, or charged with some other public trust of great importance, who has been removed for the very purpose that the money or trust might be misused. And although this, as I presume, is not quite of that kind, the rule is the same in all cases where the removal is "for cause."

There is a provision in the general law, which, under strict application to our corporation officers, goes to confirm what has already been said. Every officer who has entered upon the duties of his office, "shall continue to discharge the duties thereof, *although his term of office shall have expired*, and shall continue in such office shall be duly qualified." (1 R. S. 117, Section Nine.) It proceeds to say, that "no person holding a civil office shall be removed from office, except for cause." Yours, &c.

GREENE C. BRONSON.

Ald. Reed moved that the communication be received, printed at length in all the Corporation papers, and referred to the Special Committee to which was referred resolutions relative to the removal of the City Chamberlain, and the Chief Engineer of the Croton Aqueduct Department.

Which was carried.

A communication was received from the Comptroller, transmitting statement of disbursements from the fund in aid of the families of volunteers for the fortnight ending September six, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-two.

Which was received and ordered on file.

A communication was received from D. R. Jaques in behalf of the citizens of the Sixteenth Ward, with resolution of

SECOND BOARD.

$30,000 U. S. 6s, '81	[illegible]	100	N. Y. Cen. R.	b30	96½
4,000 U. S. 5s, '74, Cou.	93½	100	do		96½
4,000 U. S. 6s '67, Cou.	100	100	do	b30	96½
2,000 Tenn. 6s, 10 B. ct.	75	100	do		96½
Notes	50½	100	Erie Railway		42½
15,000 do	50½	100	do		42½
4,000 U. S. 5s Iv. Cer.	100	100	do		42½
4,000 U. S. Bds. 1868	108	100	do		42½
2,000 Cal. State 6s, '78	100½	100	Erie Pr. Stock		77½
1,000 do	100	100	Harlem R.		17½
2,000 N. Y. City 6s	100	100	Mil. & Chic. R.	b10	16½
2,000 Erie R. Sin. Fd.	100	100	Mich. Cen. R.		91
3,000 Mil. & Mis. R. 1st	90	100	Mich. S. & N. I. R.		80½
500 Pitts., Ft. W. & C.		200	Mich. So. & N. I. R.		80½
Chic. R. R.	44	100	do		80½
2,000 Mich. So. 2d M.	82½	100	do		80½
20,000 Chic. & N. W. 2d M.	75	200	Mil. Chic. R. scrip		38
20,000 Green Bay, L. S. & M.	50	100	do		38
5,000 C. & Pet. R. 7s, '81	87½	50	do	b60	38½
20,000 Am. Gold	87	200	do		38½
10,000 do	117½	200	Clev. & Pitts. R.		87½
20 Phila. & R. Consol.	112½	100	do		87½
250 do	112½	100	Clev. & Tol. R.		73
100 do	112½	100	do	b60	73½
100 Harlem R. Pref.	40½	100	Chic. & R. I. R.		102½
100 do	40½	200	do		102½
100 do	40½	100	do		102½

MONDAY, Sept. 22—P. M.

The Foreign Trade of this City the past week was again very active and the Inland receipts of Domestic Produce large, embracing besides a heavy amount of Breadstuffs, Provisions and Tobacco, 5,351 bales of Cotton, of which 1,400 or 1,500 bales went to England and France, and other considerable freight engagements of Cotton are made for the present week. The entries of Foreign Merchandise and clearances of Domestic Produce of the week are about four millions in value on each side of the account. The Customs Duties on the former amount to $1,313,000. Already for the month of September, the Government has received $3,605,000 in Customs Revenue at this port, and as we shall have three steamer cargoes this week from Europe, in addition to the usual arrivals of sail vessels from Europe and the Indies, the total for the month is likely to reach nearly five millions! Under the present Tariff the Customs come up rapidly, even as what, in ordinary seasons before the War troubles at the South, would have been esteemed a moderate importation. Since the present export return was made up, the clearances have again been very heavy, and we look for no falling off on the succeeding weekly report. The price of Cotton, on the considerable receipts of late, having declined to a point within the last Liverpool quotations, a portion of the stock on hand is being taken for export. All the prime Sea Islands have thus for been bought for England and France—partly on orders from the English spinners. The extraordinary prices of 90@120 cents the pound, of course, give a large value to the fortunate captors.

The week past was a remarkable one in political and financial affairs. The victories in Maryland imparted new confidence to our armies, and a fresh impetus to our already highly speculative Stock Exchange. The latter is also stimulated by the increasing abundance of Money, both at Bank and on the Street. The line of Deposits at Bank on Saturday reached the unusual figure of $150,725,175, as against $144,618,493 at the close of the previous week, with scarcely any addition to the Loans and Discounts. The principal increase was near the close of the week, the result in part of large disbursements by the Government, which are concentrating here in the shape of both drafts upon the Sub-Treasury and United States Notes. About a million of dollars has also been added in Gold, the present stock of which at Bank is $38,129,180. The Export demand for Gold was only $519,000, or less than the receipts from California. The local speculation, however, has made the price 116½@117½ ⅌ cent, as against 118½@119½ the previous week. The volume of speculation in Gold, however, as registered at the Stock Exchange, is now less than a million ⅌ week, a sum frequently reached in a single day's transactions a month or two ago. The price of United States Notes for Custom-house use, has rapidly advanced to 115 ⅌ cent, owing to the continued liberal demand for duties. As the outstanding amount of this paper is now considerably below one-half the original issue, the price is closely approximating the market value of Gold. The purchase of the latter, for the payment of the public interest, will not be imperative upon the Treasury while the absorption of the remainder of the Custom-house Notes is going on. The sums needed in October and January—less than $6,000,000—can be readily borrowed for a few months in anticipation of the Spring revenue from Customs; the loan to be returned in Gold at a moderate rate of interest. The rise in Government Securities, for the week, is 2 ⅌ cent. It is about the same on the best of the Railway Mortgages, while on the Railway Shares it ranges from 2½ to 5 ⅌ cent., the largest advance being on Erie Preference Shares from 71½ to 77½ ⅌ cent. The transactions of the week in this Stock, and in old Erie, Cleveland and Toledo, Cleveland and Pittsburgh, Rock Island, &c., were very heavy, and the same remark applies to New-York Central. There is a further advance also in Pacific Mail and Panama, induced by the extra dividends paid on both Stocks, and the increasing freight traffic over the Isthmus route to California. A moderate business was done in the City Bank Stocks, generally in a small investment way, but few parcels being held on speculation. The general Market closed heavy and on Saturday afternoon. The following is the

COURSE OF THE STOCK EXCHANGE FOR THE WEEK.

New 6 ⅌ ct. Stock of U. S. of '81		Erie	
New-York Central		Hudson River	
New-York and Erie		Harlem	
Erie Preferred Shares		Reading	
Rock Island		Pacific Mail	
Michigan Southern		Panama	
Michigan Central		Western Union Tel. Co.	
Toledo		Cleveland and Pittsburgh	
Galena		Cleveland and Toledo	
Illinois Central		Chicago and R. Island	
Panama		Chicago and N. W.	
Pacific Mail		Chicago and N. W. Sinking Fund	

The following were the last bids for the Railway Mortgages:

N. Y. Cen. sixes	105½	Ill. L. & T. R. 1st 7 ⅌ c.	80½
N. Y. Cen. subscrip.	100	Ill. Cen. R. sterling bonds	
N. Y. Cen. sevens, '64	104½	Chi. & N. W. s. f.	91
N. Y. Cen. sevens, '76	111	Chi. & N. W. C. R. Ex.	72
N. Y. Cen. 6s, bonds '76	110	Chi. & N. W. Sinks	71
Erie Sixes, '96	114½	Chi. & N. W. Sinks, coupons	63
Erie seconds, '91	112	Chi. & N. W. Appl. Ex.	94
Erie seconds, '83	113	Chi. & N. W. Int. Eds.	86

The Import entries of the week, including the Dry Goods table in our Saturday's paper, were $4,169,663, against $2,256,170 same week last year. The Exports of Domestic Produce to $4,057,891, against $1,900,[illegible] same week last year. The Exports of Specie $519,000.

The tables of the Foreign Trade at New-York, published a few days since, make the last post entries, exclusive of Specie, for eight months of the calendar year:

Jan. 1 to Aug. 31, 1862	$119,484,000
Add three weeks to September	12,091,000
Total to date, 1862	$130,475,000
Against same time, 1861	96,300,000
Increase since Jan. 1	$33,665,011

The same tables make the Export Clearances of Domestic Produce and Miscellaneous Goods, including Foreign articles reexported, from Jan. 1 to Aug. 31, 1862 $97,211,000
Add three weeks to September 9,597,000
Total to date, 1862 $106,808,000
Against same time, 1861 93,233,924
Increase since Jan. 1 $7,365,076

The Exports of Specie from Jan. 1 to Aug. 31 were $16,756,000
Add, since 1st September 2,116,000
Total to date, 1862 $18,872,000
Against same time, 1861 8,295,000
Increase since Jan. 1 $10,600,000

The Sub-Treasury received on Saturday $[illegible] from Customs; from all sources, $1,571,[illegible]; payments, $2,421,[illegible]; balance, $7,449,[illegible].

A recent letter from the State Auditor of Missouri, in reference to the State Debt and the overdue interest upon it, says:

Your letter, addressed to the Governor of our State, has been by him referred to me for reply. In answer to your first inquiry, I beg leave to state, that Missouri has not, nor does she believe she repudiates her indebtedness. Owing to the rebellion, she has been impoverished and almost desolated; and from great indications, is about again being scourged with rebel hordes throughout her borders, placing it beyond the power of civil authorities to enforce the collection of revenue, only in a few counties. She has no present means to pay interest, but it is to be hoped that our Legislature, which will convene in December, will make some provision to pay our interest. Missouri, outside of Virginia, has suffered more loss of property than any other State in the Union; but, thank Heaven, she has not lost her honor.

Very respectfully,

The *Cleveland Herald* reports of the progress of the Atlantic and Great Western extension of the Erie broad-gauge route, as follows:

"Prominent railroad men interested in the above road have been holding a conference in this city for several days past, with regard to it. It has not yet been decided whether the road will come into Cleveland by the Mahoning or by the Pittsburgh road. A third road will be necessary on either. The road will be in full operation some time this winter, and when it is, passengers can go from this city to New-York on a six-foot gauge without change of cars, which will be a desirable consummation."

The *New-Orleans Advocate*, under date of Sept. 12, reports:

There are some transactions daily in New-York funds—no termed. In fact it is all New-York in the exchange and shipping market. Boston and Philadelphia appear to be signed. As for a London banker's bill, there has been none on the market to our knowledge. Undoubtedly there are letters of credit on hand to be used according to circumstances—which means if cotton is available. The range of the market to-day was:

Sterling	140@145
France	5.10@5.[illegible]
Sight Drafts on New-York—outside	111@114
Bank Checks over the counter	115@116
United States Treasury demand notes	127½@130
Legal Tender, United States Treasury demand notes	113@116
Gold	127@130
Silver	125@125
City Bank Notes the standard.	

There is no expansion of currency going forward. Our banks are withdrawing their issues as fast as they are presented—each bank moves on its own hook in this respect, not receiving promiscuously the issues of the different banks. That is, each bank appears intent on taking care of itself at its own hands.

GENERAL MARKETS.

New-York, Saturday, Sept. 20, 1862.

The reported receipts of the principal kinds of Produce since our last have been: 29 bbls. Ashes, 11,655 bbls. Flour, 137 bbls. and 600 bags Corn Meal, 50,[illegible] bushels Wheat, 60,230 bushels Corn, 2,571 bushels Oats, 1,240 pkgs. Provisions, and 225 bbls. Whisky.

ASHES—Sales have been made of 30 bbls. at $6 87½ for Pots, and $7 37½ for Pearls ⅌ 100 lbs. Stock in the Inspection Warehouse, this morning, 207 bbls., including 156 bbls. Pots, and 51 bbls. Pearls.

BARK—The movements in Quercitron, Messrs. Weiss & Co., of Philadelphia, in their September circular, reflect thus: "The present crop of Quercitron Bark is large, and being secured mostly during the dry season, will be of good quality. The high rate of Exchange and purchases for remittance in Europe has so far kept prices pretty steady. However, should manufacturers shut down and forward their stock freely, which they probably will do ere long, a decline will inevitably take place. We quote Ext. No. 1 in ground $32; selected boxes, such as Fearnon's, at $35@$36; Coarse ground No. 1 Bark sells at $1@$2 less than fine, and coarse ground No. 2 Bark sells at $4 less than fine. Bark in bags, difficult of sale. The following is a statement of Bark received and inspected during the years 1860, 1861 and 1862:

	1862.	1861.	1860.
January, casks	91	114	53
February	100	176	89
March	274	301	174
April	330	200	212
May	375	200	110
June	347	300	249
July	420	170	178
August	422	270	403
September	316	180	267
October	228	232	283
November	402	189	240
December	245	251	206
Total	3,506	2,601	2,173

Stock Sept. 9, 1862, 600 hhds., mostly sold and awaiting shipment. The export of Quercitron Bark from the port of Philadelphia to foreign ports in 1861 was 1,600 hhds., 175 bbls. and 64 bags, and the total exports for eight months of 1862, 1,398 hhds."

BOOTS AND SHOES—Business is again reviving. The Western demand has been fair, especially within the past two or three days; and with moderate supplies available for the season, prices are supported. Two cases have been imported, valued at $131; and 119 cases and 3 boxed exported, valued at $8,795. The Boston Commercial Bulletin of this morning says:

"The Leather Shoe market has ruled firm for some week, the transactions having been rather limited. A few cases of Boots have been shipped to the Western trade, but buyers generally show very little disposition for heavy stocks of goods in the present crisis of affairs. The New-England trade, which will soon commence, is expected to be about an average one, notwithstanding the large number of men who are out for the war. The supply of Leather is not large, and the high figures at which sales are generally made, will serve to keep the prices of Boots and Shoes up, and there is no value on present prices to anticipate any material decline. Sales are comparatively light, and there is no pressure to sell. Orders from Southern and Western dealers, given a month since, have been cancelled, or countermanded, probably owing to the hesitation from the crisis; but from recent intelligence received from the contending armies, all indications of business on that account will soon cease. Manufacturers and dealers are not disposed to fill orders to any extent from the Border States, unless they are accompanied by the cash. The total shipments of Boots and Shoes from Boston, for the week ending this morning, have been 1,[illegible] cases, of which 4,417 were to New-York and Pennsylvania, 165 to the Border Slave States, 1,160 to the Western States, 50 cases to Halifax, 9 to Hayti, 49 to Havana, and 50 to San Francisco."

COAL—Foreign has been plenty and heavy. Mr. Dazey reports sales of 250 tons Scotch Cannel on private terms; 150 do. New-Castle Gas, to go out of port, at 6s. 6d.; 400 do. New-Castle Gas, 6s. 6d.; 500 do. F. C. Cannel Gas, $3 30; 100 do. F. C. House Cannel, $3 30; 300 do. Liverpool Steam, $3 42 ⅌ ton. We hear of sales of 200 and 100 do. "Kirkless Hall" House Cannel, $3, all cash. Anthracite is now up to $4 50@$7 ⅌ ton, but, in fact, is free at present.

COTTON—Is inactive, and quoted irregularly at from 60@65c. for Middling ⅌ lb.

EARTHENWARE—The inquiry has been moderate, absorbing all the current arrivals, and prices have been supported.

FISH—A fair demand prevails for Dry Cod at $3 75@$4 37½ ⅌ cwt.; small No. 1 Mackerel at $[illegible], according to size; do. do. No. 2 at $4 75@$2 ⅌ bbl.; Smoked Herring at 45c.@50c. for Scaled, and 22c.@25c. for No. 1 ⅌ box.

FLOUR AND MEAL—State and Western Flour has been heavy to-day, and prices have declined 5@7½c. ⅌ bbl. Corn Meal is dull and nominally lower. Rye Flour is quiet and steady. We hear of sales of 300 bbls. Brandywine at $5 25, and 300 bbls. City at $5 12½

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AMUSEMENTS TO-DAY.

BARNUM'S AMERICAN MUSEUM.—Afternoon and Evening.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.—Broadway.

WINTER GARDEN.—Broadway.

BOWERY THEATRE.—Bowery.

BUCHANAN'S NEW ORLEANS SERENADERS.—Serenades Every Evening.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE REBELLION.

Our late dispatches from the vicinity of the late battle battle of Antietam, inform us that the rebel army had succeeded in making its escape from Maryland. It appears that the rebels commenced to move about dusk on Thursday evening, and by daylight on Friday they were all over the Potomac with the exception of a small rear guard. They got over all their transportation, and had their wounded with the exception of about three hundred. Quite a number of stragglers were picked up during the day by our advance of cavalry. At last accounts the rebels were still visible on the opposite shore in force, and they had posted a large number of sentinels to prevent our troops from crossing. Our troops were all in excellent spirits. Our Washington dispatches informed us that a portion of them crossed the Potomac on Saturday in pursuit of the flying rebels.

We learn by dispatches from Frederick that shelling was kept up across the Potomac at Shepardstown all day Friday. Late in the afternoon the Fourth Michigan Regiment, with a few men from Syke's Brigade, crossed the river there for the purpose of making a reconnoissance. They met with a stout resistance, but effected their purpose, and returned to the Maryland side with [illegible], bringing with them four pieces of artillery which they took from the rebels. On Saturday morning an attempt was made to occupy the Virginia shore, but the detachment which crossed was forced to fall back before a superior force of the rebels, which advanced within range of our guns on the Maryland side, and were in their turn forced to retire, and with heavy losses. It was reported during Saturday that a force of rebel cavalry and artillery had gone in the direction of Williamsport, with the intention of recrossing into Maryland, and a force was sent in that direction on Saturday morning. Heavy firing was heard in that locality at night, which led to the supposition that an engagement had commenced there. It was believed, however, that the rebel army generally was falling back in the direction of Charlestown and Winchester, as their artillery had been removed from the line of the Potomac.

The *National Intelligencer* states that Gen. Sumner has been on duty in and near Washington overseeing the return of the army from the line of the Rappahannock River. His command is also near at hand, and has not been called upon to encounter any new danger since its service under Gen. Pope. Gen. Sigel's corps is not, and has not been, with Gen. McClellan during his campaign in Maryland. This statement is confirmed by our Washington correspondent, who states that the orders for the march of both Sigel's and Franklin's corps up the lower bank of the Potomac was countermanded. Thus the chance of intercepting the flying rebels while crossing the river was lost.

With regard to the surrender of Harper's Ferry to the rebels, the *National Intelligencer* has the following: "We have been informed, on good authority, in regard to the surrender of the Harper's Ferry post—and we state the fact in extenuation of the blame which we have seen thrown on Col. Miles for the act—that the necessity of a surrender had become so clear and unmistakable that the painful step was resolved on with the concurrence of all the superior officers present." In connection with this, we quote the following note from Col. Miles to Col. Ford, regarding the importance of holding possession of Maryland Heights:

HARPER'S FERRY, Sept. 12, 1862.

Col. Ford, Commanding Maryland Heights:

Sir: I returned to this side, on closer inspection, I find your position more defensible than it appears when at a distance, covered as it is at all points by the guns of Camp Hill. You will hold on, and can hold on until the enemy falls down dead. Yours,

D. S. MILES, Colonel Second Infantry.

The Washington *Star* states that there are symptoms of lockjaw in Gen. Hooker's case, and that his friends are fearful that he may not recover. He was shot through the fleshy part of the foot.

An important victory was gained by Gen. Rosecrans over the rebels under Price at Iuka, Miss., on Friday night and Saturday morning. Gen. Grant informs Gen. Halleck that the attack was made upon the rebel position about two hours before dark on Friday, and that the fight continued until night closed in. In the morning the fight was renewed by Gen. Rosecrans, but it was found that the rebels had been evacuating the place during the night. The cavalry and artillery were at last accounts in pursuit, and had already made important captures. Price's force is put down at 18,000, and Gen. Grant expresses the opinion that it will be broken up and forced to abandon much of its artillery.

It was discovered at Fortress Monroe on Friday that a rebel force, numbering from 12,000 to 20,000, had in the vicinity of Blackwater River, but little preparation had been made to receive them, if they intended hostilities. The Blackwater River runs through the Dismal Swamp region, and empties into the Nansemond River south of Norfolk. If there is such a rebel force in that vicinity, no doubt a demonstration is to be made against Suffolk and Norfolk.

Our gunboat correspondent on board the gunboat [illegible] and not the "290," as at first supposed. Commander Pennock of the gunboat *Oneida*, has been dismissed from the naval service for not intercepting her. The order of the Secretary of the Navy to that effect is published this morning.

The prize steamship *Columbia*, captured on the 3d ult. by the United States steamer *Santiago*, arrived at this port yesterday. She was condemned at Key West, and ordered here to dispose of her cargo, which consists of dry-goods, teas, coffee, etc., besides eight brass field-pieces, rifled, with carriages and caissons all complete; two rifled mountain howitzers; a complete assortment of projectiles for all the ordnance; cases of fuses, cartridges, Enfield rifles, blankets, etc. The cargo is said to be worth $150,000.

The Washington *Star* of Friday states that some portions of the Pennsylvania militia, assembled recently for the defence of their State, refused to march into Maryland to defend Pennsylvania there from invasion. For the credit of Pennsylvania, which has already furnished so many excellent troops for the field, we trust the *Star* is mistaken.

GENERAL NEWS.

At a special meeting of the Board of Aldermen Saturday, a communication was received from the Corporation Counsel, giving it as his opinion that the removals of Heads of Departments made by the Board at its previous meeting was perfectly legal, and within the province of the Board. The Mayor returned a veto of the ordinance establishing a Military Hospital in the Central Park. A semi-monthly report of the disbursements in aid of the families of volunteers was received from the Comptroller, from which it appears that the number of families relieved was 12,296, comprising 13,184 adults and 18,351 children. The amount of money disbursed was $56,694. The first secession flag that was raised in Florida was presented to the Board by the Mayor, and ordered to be placed in the Governor's Room.

By the arrival of the schooner *Red Jacket*, Capt. PARSONS, from Mathewstown, (Inagua,) Sept. 8, we learn that salt was very plentiful on the Island, and a large quantity on hand. It was selling at 8c.@9c. per bushel.

Maj.-Gen. NELSON, who has nearly recovered from the wound received at Richmond, arrived in Louisville on Friday, and will assume command of all the forces in that vicinity.

Col. MONSON, in his official report of the loss at Richmond, Ky., in the attack by the rebel Gen. KIRBY SMITH, says his loss did not exceed 200 killed, 700 wounded and 2,000 prisoners, with nine pieces of cannon and some wagons. His force, he says, consisted of 6,500 men, and the rebels 16,000.

The funeral exercises over the body of the late Gen. RENO took place in Boston on Friday, at Trinity Church. A large number of men, eminent in civic and military life, were present, including Gov. ANDREW and Staff, Adjutant-Gen. SCHOULER, Brig.-Gen. ANDREWS, and Col. BURRIL, with many officers of regiments now in that vicinity.

The funeral of Col. FLETCHER WEBSTER took place at his residence in Marshfield on Wednesday, the 10th. By request, the oaken box containing the coffin of his father, was opened, and the metallic cover of the glass removed. The lineaments and features of the great statesman are said by an observer to have been as natural as when, ten years ago, he was given to the grave.

The Stock Exchange was buoyant in speculation, and at advancing prices on Saturday. Gold left off 117@117½; Exchange, 129 ⅌ cent.

The demand for Breadstuffs, on Saturday, was less active, and prices favored buyers. Provisions were in fair request, as were also the principal kinds of Groceries, Fish, Wool, Hay, Hops, Tallow and Tobacco, at uniform quotations. Limited transactions were reported in Cotton, Hemp, Metals, Oils and Naval Stores. Whisky was heavy and a shade cheaper. Moderate Freight engagements were reported, with 552 vessels, of all classes, in port.

ABOUT THE LOSS OF HARPER'S FERRY.—Much uncertainty still exists in regard to the responsibility of the loss of Harper's Ferry. It does not seem clear that Gen. McClellan can be held responsible for it, although Col. Miles is reported to have sent to him six couriers on Saturday, begging for reinforcements, which, however, did not arrive as expected. Gen. Franklin, who was in charge of them, encountered a heavy force of rebels on the way.

A miserable story is in circulation, we are sorry to see, first published in Philadelphia, to the effect that a captured Confederate Major distinctly alleged that he had, within two days of the surrender of Harper's Ferry, visited that post, and had friendly, but treasonable, intercourse with Col. Miles. We believe this to be as foul a falsehood as ever was coined by the Father of Lies. Miles had his faults, but he was no traitor. And we should hesitate long before taking the word of any rebel as conclusive against the loyalty of a Union officer. A man who turns traitor himself will have no hesitation in falsely accusing others. The greater crime includes the less.

The immediate responsibility of the surrender rests apparently on Col. THOMAS H. FORD, of Ohio, who was in command of Maryland Heights, and who seems to have abandoned them without orders and without cause. Thus far, certainly, there has been not the slightest evidence that he had even permission from his commanding officer to abandon them under any circumstances. Those Heights were the key to the position; and, although the place might have been held after they were lost much longer than it was, and *ought* to have been under the circumstances, its surrender was only a question of time. But Col. Miles was not the man who ought to have been intrusted with so important a post, as is sufficiently proved by the fact that he did not *prepare* to hold it, as he might have done, in time. Nor is the Government free from very serious responsibility for having intrusted such a position to such a man,—after the experience it had had of him a year before at Bull Run. The fact is, the Government seems to have taken it for granted that anybody could hold Harper's Ferry; and in the same way as it has given to everything things take care of themselves, it gave no special attention to the subject. The country will, as usual, pay the penalty of this heedlessness in having to conquer the rebel army again. The seizure of Harper's Ferry by the rebels was all that saved them from utter destruction.

The Retreat of the Rebels.

It seems to be quite certain that the main bulk of the rebel army will make good its retreat,—that it will fall back successfully upon its base of operations, whether that be at Winchester or at Richmond. On Saturday morning they were all safely out of Maryland,—having crossed the Potomac, partly on Thursday, without attracting the attention of our army, and partly on Friday, in spite of our attempts, which do not seem to have been very formidable, to overtake and arrest them. On Saturday they had planted batteries on the Virginia side of the Potomac to resist pursuit. We have a report that Gen. McClellan had crossed and engaged them again; but, if this be true, the engagement was probably only with their rear guard, as they would scarcely detain their main army for the purpose of renewing the battle, unless the comparative weakness of the force which McClellan could throw across in a single day should offer them a tempting prospect of success.

The country will share the surprise with which we learn, from our Washington correspondence this morning, that we have no force in the rear of the rebels on the south side of the Potomac. The order which was given for Sigel and Franklin to push toward the rebel rear for the purpose of intercepting them in case of defeat, was *countermanded*. This will doubtless surprise the rebels as much as it does us; for according to our correspondent, who was surrendered with our army at Harper's Ferry, and who had free intercourse with the rebel officers there, they fully believed that Sigel was even then thundering in their rear. Why the order was countermanded we are not aware. We are bound to assume, we suppose, that it was for some good and sufficient reason; perhaps it is not lawful even to intimate a doubt upon this point. But certainly the country may very properly seek to know why so evident a precaution was not taken against the escape of the rebel army from the perilous position into which their audacity had betrayed them.

It was confidently asserted, when the rebels first crossed the Potomac and entered Maryland, that they would never leave it; that they would be completely hemmed in and utterly destroyed or compelled to surrender. It can hardly be supposed that all this was expected at the hands of Gen. McClellan. He was sent to attack them in front, and did it with vigor, skill and success. If he had succeeded on Wednesday in turning their right flank, he could possibly have cut them off from access to the Potomac; and if he had more completely turned their right wing, he could have accomplished the same result. But he only succeeded in forcing them back *toward* the Potomac, leaving them free to renew the battle or retreat across the river. But he did his duty in defeating them; the responsibility of cutting off their retreat rested with others.

The rebels will not have an easy time of it in retreating to Richmond. They must be destitute of provisions, and the country through which they must pass has been pretty thoroughly stripped already of means to support an army. They have, however, saved all their transportation, and moved across the Potomac with a degree of order and celerity which does not indicate serious demoralization:—and as they are accustomed to rapid movements, even under most embarrassing circumstances, we think it altogether probable that they will succeed in reaching their supplies at Winchester. Gen. McClellan is probably not in a condition to make a very rapid or prolonged pursuit, and Gen. Halleck has lost so much time that he can scarcely hope to intercept the main body of the rebels. On Thursday a *reconnoissance* was sent to Thoroughfare Gap, and made the discovery that the path to the rebel rear was unobstructed. But we have no information that any advantage was taken of this discovery, or that any force was started over the route thus disclosed. Gen. McClellan has it in his power, however, to inflict upon the rebels very serious injury, if he is in condition to follow them rapidly, and if engagements with their rear guard do not delay him too long.

OUR SOLDIERS IN THE LATE BATTLES.—In none of the reports of last week's battles in Maryland, or the correspondence from the field, are there any of those accusations of misbehavior on the part of individual regiments, or brigades, or officers of any grade, that have frequently sullied the reports of previous battles. Every regiment seems to have done its duty to the death—none flinching; every General and subordinate officer appears to have honored his rank. The applause for valor, endurance, and patience were merited by every man wearing the Nation's uniform.

It must be remembered that this unflinching, victorious Union army was composed of the fever-wasted, battle-decimated, retreating regiments of McClellan, which left the Peninsula a few weeks ago; of the shattered regiments and brigades of Pope, which arrived in Washington twenty days since in a condition bordering upon demoralization; and, added to these, new recruits who had never before faced fire. This was the material which achieved such great deeds last week—which drove back superior numbers of rebel veterans, and vanquished them on three fields. We have more confidence in our army now than ever. Good leadership, active movement, and *fighting on the offensive*, are all that it now needs, or ever needed, for victory.

THE ATTACK.—Our army is always victorious when it is the attacking party. The battles of Gen. McClellan last week are the first for a long time in which we have assumed the offensive. In the battles on the Peninsula we were always on the defensive; in Gen. Pope's battles in Virginia he was on the defensive. In the West, in the battle at Shiloh, and in other instances of ill-success or dubious success, we were on the defensive; while at Donelson and other glorious victories we were the attacking party. In the victory of Roanoke and Pamlico, officially reported this morning, the Union officer was on the offensive. And a hundred other examples and illustrations might be found. Gen. McClellan is now actively following the rebels up. We hope he will chastisingly consoll them wherever found. Our success is always in the attack.

Our Victories at the South.

It is not easy, perhaps, to estimate the effects of a victory until we have accurately ascertained its extent; and until we have received satisfactory intelligence of the character and fortunes of our operations upon the line of the rebel retreat into Virginia, elaborate speculations upon the results at the South of Gen. McClellan's recent successes in Maryland must be regarded as premature. It is hardly safe, for instance, to assume with an enthusiastic cotemporary, that the battle of Antietam will be followed at an early day by the downfall of England and France, the invasion of Canada, and the conquest of Mexico. But we have facts enough before us to justify a brief consideration of the moral influence which the great conflict of the past week is likely to exert upon the temper and the policy of the Southern leaders.

Gen. Lee was undoubtedly urged to the invasion of Maryland by a combination of motives, of which the supreme impelling force was the popular passion at the South for a war of aggression. The Southern people are weary of being invaded. The war has been fought upon their own soil with a stern persistency which, if it has not yet demoralized and discouraged them, has at least vexed, wearied and irritated them out of all control by their leaders. In resisting this war of invasion, they have been just successful enough to inflame them into an inordinate estimate of their own prowess, and Mr. Miles, of South Carolina, when he stated the other day in the rebel Congress at Richmond that "Stonewall Jackson," with "half the Confederate Army," could drive the Northern six hundred thousand before him, exactly expressed the popular conviction of the masses at the South. Had Lee been able to hold his own on the Potomac, we have no doubt that the popular clamor at the South would have driven him forward to the Susquehanna, where he might have met with an Antietam from which retreat would have been impossible.

Beaten now upon the threshold of his expedition, and forced to retrace his steps, his receding march, even though it be made "with all his artillery and transportation," leaves behind him one great element of the rebel strength—the prestige of his soldiers and the confidence of the South in their own invincibility. He may save his army, but he loses that which has made his army peculiarly formidable. The passions of the people in every country are raised and depressed by summary facts, rather than by explanatory details. The substantial sum of the recent conflicts no explanations can conceal from the Southern mind. Their army went into Maryland on its way to Washington and Philadelphia. Their army comes out of Maryland on its way to Richmond, if possible. In this recoil of the high-sounding programme of invasion, the South will see the fatiguing tide of Northern war once more rolled back upon its own soil—it will learn to question its own enthusiasm, and to doubt its leaders in the field.

Against this immense moral gain to the National cause it is hardly an offset that Mr. Davis and his Administration will acquire a certain accession of strength from the demonstration which events have made of the wisdom of their opposition to the aggressive policy. If the policy of adventure has been proved a failure, the policy of caution has become distasteful and difficult. Months ago, before the investment of Richmond by Gen. McClellan, able Southern Generals had given in their opinion that Virginia at least could no longer be safely held from Richmond as a base of operations. Tide-water Virginia was even then exhausted by the war, and pierced as it is by the Rappahannock and the affluents of the York, the obstructions sunk in the James River alone could not be regarded as guaranteeing its safety against persistent invasion. Even then, if Gen. Lee should succeed in withdrawing his army comparatively intact from the vicinity of the Potomac, we cannot think it unlikely that Richmond should be abandoned without any attempt at a fresh campaign in tide-water Virginia. Such an evacuation of the rebel Capital, of course, would not necessarily end the war, but it would go far toward establishing an overwhelming superiority for the National advance. When Gen. McClellan telegraphed to us that "Maryland and Pennsylvania were safe," he underrated, we think, the value of the advantage won for the nation by his gallant army.

If Antietam has achieved anything, it has shaken the base of the rebel strength, thrown back their lines of defence, endangered their forces in the West, and opened up to us the near prospect of a decisive hold upon Virginia. For these things we may well be thankful.

As for Maryland, we do not attach much importance to the scattering of the rebel hopes in regard to that State. The "refugees of Maryland" in the South had pretty well worn out all Southern expectations from that State. Richmond, in particular, has been cursed with a plague of Baltimore "Plug-Uglies," in all departments of her domestic administration, till the good people of Virginia have learned almost to loathe the name of the Monumental City. The "Maryland Line" in the rebel army has been disbanded; and the important undeception which Lee's men will carry back from Maryland, we repeat, is the loss, not of their illusions in respect to Maryland, but of their illusions in respect to themselves.

A JUST JUDGMENT.—All the people will say Amen to the order of the Navy Department dismissing from the service Commander GEORGE HENRY PREBLE, senior officer in command of the blockading force off Mobile, for allowing the armed steamer *Oreto* to run the blockade at that point a short time since. The report of Commodore FARRAGUT makes the conduct of duty culpable, and the justice of the punishment will be universally acknowledged. This, it is believe, the first instance since the outbreak of the war of the Navy Department's punishing an officer for doing *too little*, though it has been claimed that some officers have been dismissed for doing *too much*.

The State Election.

Our State election this year derives its chief importance from its bearing on the rebellion. There are no domestic issues likely to be very seriously affected by the result:—but the course of our National affairs may be influenced in a manner that will affect the history of the nation for all time to come.

The Democrats have made a party rally, and have nominated their strongest party man for Governor, in the hope of throwing the vote of the State against the National Administration, and against the vigorous and unrelenting prosecution of the war. No man can for a moment doubt what would be the moral effect of their success. No man doubts that it would be hailed with intense satisfaction by the rebel authorities and by every rebel in arms against the Union, as a verdict of condemnation upon the National Government, and of practical and effective sympathy with the Southern Confederacy. It would be regarded everywhere at the South as a symptom of *division* in the Northern States—as an indication that public sentiment had turned against the war, and in favor of the South as the injured party.

Of course, every man who *does* sympathize with secession will vote that ticket; and if a majority of the people of this State are Secessionists, more or less in disguise, Seymour will be elected. But we can conceive no greater disaster to the cause of the Union than such a result, and we take it for granted that the Republican and Union Convention, which meets at Syracuse on Wednesday next, will take steps to avert it. All they have to do, in our judgment, is to *place the issue fairly and squarely before the people*, and to nominate men who will fully represent the Union cause. We believe that New-York is just as sound on that issue as New-England,—that an overwhelming majority of her people are for prosecuting this war against the rebels until their military power is crushed and they are compelled to return to their allegiance to the Constitution. They are for prosecuting it with all the vigor and energy which the enormous resources of the country have placed in the hands of the Government,—and they will sustain the Administration in whatever measures may be deemed necessary or expedient for the attainment of that end.

The Convention will be large, but we see no reason for fearing that it will not be harmonious. There will naturally be preferences for individuals as candidates, and differences of opinion doubtless as to matters of expediency. But none of these, we venture to say, will be allowed to interfere with the great end which all will have at heart, and which all will join in endeavoring to attain. We trust there will be no disposition to thrust into the Convention personal controversies or irrelevant and unessential issues; and that nothing will be done to weaken the effort which the people stand prepared to make to hold this State in the noble position it has steadily held, thus far, in this contest with rebellion.

The Position in Kentucky.

The confirmation of the news of the surrender of Munfordsville, Ky., to the rebel army of Gen. Bragg, upsets all previous information as to the nearness of Gen. Buell's pursuing columns. Gen. Rousseau, whose rapid advance down the Louisville and Nashville railroad, last Summer, stopped the rebel advance at Munfordsville, was said to have followed Gen. Buckner back to Glasgow, one week ago, after the latter had failed in his assault on Munfordsville. And Gen. Rousseau was leading Buell's advance in pursuit of Bragg. But now we are told that Bragg's whole army came up two days later, surrounded Munfordsville and forced it to surrender. Rousseau was not a General to suffer that result, if he had been so near. We are, therefore, obliged to conclude that Buell's army is not so near to Bragg's as we had been led to believe.

The position of affairs in Kentucky, in this aspect, becomes much more dubious than we had before regarded it. Kirby Smith will undoubtedly effect a junction with Bragg, and then Kentucky will have on its soil a solid rebel army certainly not less than 50,000 strong, officered by such men as Bragg, Polk, Buckner, Hardee and Cheatham. An abler corps of leaders the rebels do not possess; and what with Morgan's "underground" dashes all through the State, and the "aid and comfort" that rebel sympathisers among the population will be too glad to afford, they will have nothing to lack in the way of knowledge of Union movements.

Gen. Buell may be able to fight Bragg successfully after Kirby Smith has joined him. We think he is. But the prospect is far from encouraging of an early clearance of all rebel forces from Kentucky. And while they are there, they will unfortunately live but too well on the wealth of Unionists.

Louisville, not Cincinnati, is the object of Bragg's army. They will, however, not be able to seize it. It is being formidably fortified, and has an army adequate to its defence.

THE REOCCUPATION OF HARPER'S FERRY.—There seems now to remain little doubt that a National force has at last really reoccupied (it would be absurd to say *recaptured*) Harper's Ferry. This was not done, however, until the rebels had made all the use they wished to of that important position. Having done so, they voluntarily abandoned it—taking care, though, to destroy all the Government stores they were not disposed to take away with them. In this destruction they included the pontoon bridge over the Potomac, which, if destroyed by Col. Miles before the rebels came down upon him, would have completely checkmated them and prevented their making any use of the position. But what we should have done as an imperative necessity and failed to do, they did with no such prime object in view, but simply in pursuance of their general policy of weakening us at every possible point. If the rebels do not wish to recapture Harper's Ferry, [illegible] hold, [illegible] it is our fault.

ADVANTAGES TO THE IMMIGRANT.—Mr. Bayard was quite right in stating, in his recent circular to foreign Governments, that this country never presented such advantages to the immigrant laborer as it does at this very time. Of course, a popular impression abroad among the ignorant would be that fire and sword and civil wrath were desolating all those rich broad lands of the West, which once so attracted the foreigner; that neighbor was waylaying neighbor, burning his crops and carrying off his cattle; that there was no sure payment of labor and no safety for property; that even in safe districts the poor immigrant was still liable to conscription, and was exposed to the heavy taxation of the war.

If our words should reach any of those who control opinion in foreign countries, we call upon them, as honest journalists, to correct these popular errors. Let the peasants of Germany, and Belgium, and Norway understand that the usual and the richest agricultural districts of the West are as undisturbed by this war as are the vineyards of the Rhine or the farms of Holland. [illegible] sows and reaps, buys and sells as he always has done. Fire and sword, bayonet and shell come not near his dwelling. Except for the absence of his neighbors in the great struggle, he would hardly know it was war time. Taxes fall comparatively lightly on him, being contrived to weigh most on the manufacturing and commercial community. If a foreign born citizen—even though he "has declared his intention" to be an American citizen—he cannot be subject to drafting. His profits in securing high prices, and if a laboring man, he obtains the highest wages.

There never was a time, probably, in the history of the country, when an immigrant had so fair an opportunity of laying the foundations of his fortune as now. The wages paid to agricultural laborers in some places, have been incredibly high. We have heard this Summer of even $2 50 per day being given a common farm-hand. Probably on many a fine farm in Illinois, a laborer could earn his own little freehold, all broken and cultivated, by one season's hard work, which, of course, is far better than doing a pioneer's work in the frontier States. With one million of our most muscular young men absent in the war, called from all departments of life, there must of necessity be a great demand everywhere, in all branches, for labor.

This demand will draw after it, in all branches, high wages. Now is the time for foreign laborers to take advantage of this state of things, especially before new machinery has become a substitute for labor. Probably the masses of Europe, who have been laboring and delving so long, with so little fruit, could never find an opportunity in which they could so readily and profitably change their condition. Why should those thirty thousand industrious and able-bodied people in a single manufacturing town in England (Blackburn) be supported by public charity, when there is room and work without limit for them in America? Why should not English charity run in the channel of permanent benefit, and transport the men who are willing to work to places which always need work? If it is true that many of these manufacturing laborers are not fit for field work, yet there will be an increasing demand here for manufacturing hands, as necessity drives us more and more to produce within ourselves, and many of our own industrial workers will turn their attention to agriculture.

We believe, as we said before, that America never offered a more profitable field for the poor foreigner.

Third Invasion of Missouri.

The clouds begin to gather again in Southwest Missouri, that theatre of important and exciting campaigns. Wilson's Creek and Pea Ridge may have to be fought over again, as the plains of Manassas have been.

We learn that HINDMAN, COFFEE, McBRIDE, PYLE and other rebel leaders, inspired by the advancing policy of Richmond, are organizing large bodies of men in Northeastern Arkansas, ready to be taken in hand by Gen. Jo. Johnston, or MARMADUKE, or PRICE, and led to attempt anew the conquest of Missouri.

Brig.-Gen. SCHOFIELD has gone from St. Louis to Springfield, to take command of the Union forces that are moving rapidly to Springfield to resist the rebel invasion. All laborers for a distance of fifteen miles around Springfield have been impressed into the Government service, to throw up earthworks and help build fortifications. Gen. SCHOFIELD fought with LYON at Wilson's Creek; he has been in Missouri in all the raids and campaigns that have beset it; he is as thoroughly master of the military knowledge needed in his position as any man in the country, with ability as an officer equal to the crisis. We have great confidence that an invasion of Missouri will be a more difficult and dangerous task than ever before.

PARTING GALE ON THE REBEL CONGRESS.—The rebel Congress voted, a few days ago, to adjourn on the 30th inst. That is to-morrow week—eight days hence.

A week is very fruitful of events in these stirring war times, and contingencies may hasten or delay the action of more grave and imperturbable bodies than the precipitators of secession, the statesmen of the South. If Gen. Lee is actually on the return to Richmond, accompanied by Gen. McClellan and numerous officers and soldiers of the loyal North, why should not the rebel Congress stay a day or two *after* the 30th instant, in order to see the imposing cavalcade enter Richmond? It is not offensive then unto us a century that such a conjunction of magnates, controlling great destinies, can be witnessed.

A Lively Time at Hudson.

HUDSON, N. Y., Saturday, Sept. 20.

Our city bids fair to be a merry place next week. First, the Supreme Court holds its session here. Second, the new Columbia Regiment is first mustering in on the Fair Grounds, and will be there during the days of the Fair—the 24th, 25th and 26th inst. Lastly, the Fair itself, which it is expected will be at least as a success as last year, when it almost eclipsed the State Fair. The directors have engaged the fast horse *Robert Pellington*, which beat *Baron Allen* on the 15th inst. at the Fashion Course, Long Island. He is certainly to be here on the last two days of the Fair. We are making preparations for a great crowd.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

OUR REGULAR WASHINGTON DISPATCHES.

Washington, Monday, Sept. 29.

FIVE THOUSAND CONTRABANDS WANTED.

A healthy and highly respectable gentleman arrived in this city a few days ago from the Western border, having in view the employment of a large number of persons in the fall [illegible] upon such a [illegible] farm. Well-built females, of which he is the sole proprietor or lessee, for a long term of years. His original purpose was to employ Germans [illegible], but, after seeing the contrabands, and learning their capabilities, and their anxiety to be employed, he changed his purpose and now requires it to take at least five thousand or more of them. The Government will assist them to go to his farm. He gives most the entire approval of leading citizens of the neighborhood here, who will testify that all the assistance in their power. He proposes to take with him portable dwelling-houses, school-teachers, and a chaplain, together with school-books, [illegible] implements, [illegible] and a printing press, on which shall be printed on the spot a weekly newspaper, [illegible] and their [illegible] to be employed, he changed his purpose and now requires it to take at least five thousand or more of them. The Government will assist them to go to his farm. He gives most the entire approval of leading citizens of the neighborhood here, who will testify that all the assistance in their power. He proposes to take with him portable dwelling-houses, school-teachers, and a chaplain, together with school-books, [illegible] implements, [illegible] and a printing press, on which shall be printed on the spot a weekly newspaper, [illegible] and their anxiety

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A 1 COOK, LAUNDRESS, CHAMBERMAID and Waiter.—A first-rate cook, washer and ironer; prefers plain laundry and waiting, or housework; has no objection to sew; can come well recommended. Call at No. 278 4th-av., near 18th-st.

A 1 COOK.—A COOK WHO FORMERLY LIVED at the highest families in City and country, is now disengaged; prefers a place in Brooklyn. Can be seen at her present place, 37 Lexington-av., near Astor-place, Wednesday and Thursday, after 2 o'clock; good and plain sewing. Can be seen at Brooklyn, Tuesday, at No. 68 6th-av., near Pacific-st.

A 1 COOK.—WANTED, A SITUATION BY A respectable middle-aged woman, as cook in a private family; is a good cook, and is willing to do the work of the house; prefers a family in Brooklyn. Can be seen at No. 7 West 11th-st., near Broadway, from 9 to 12 A. M.

A 1 COOK.—WANTED, A SITUATION AS COOK, by a middle-aged woman; she is a first-rate cook; understands her business; and has the best City references. Apply at No. 7 West 11th-st., near Broadway, from 9 to 12 A. M.

A 1 COOK, &c.—WANTED, A SITUATION BY A respectable middle-aged woman, as first-class cook, and would be willing to assist in the washing; has the best City references. Call at No. 46 West 16th-st., between 6th and 7th-avs.

A 1 COOK, &c.—A SITUATION WANTED IN A PRIVATE family by a respectable French woman, who can do the cooking, washing and ironing in a small private family. Can be seen at No. 37 West 17th-st., near 5th-av.

A 1 COOK AND LAUNDRESS.—A RESPECTABLE middle-aged woman, who is a first-rate cook and good laundress, is desirous of a situation in City or country. Can be seen at No. 37 West 17th-st., near 5th-av.

A 1 PASTRY COOK.—WANTED, A SITUATION as pastry cook, with the best of City references. Can be seen at No. 37 West 17th-st., near 5th-av.

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A 1 CHAMBERMAID AND WAITRESS.—A respectable Protestant girl, as above; has the best of City references. Call at No. 37 West 17th-st., near 5th-av

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CORPORATION NOTICE.—PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to the owner or owners, occupant or occupants, of the following described lots of land, situated in the City of Boston, and assessed for the improvement of Dorchester-street, that the following assessments have been completed, and are lodged in the office of the Board of Assessors for examination by all persons interested, viz.: Dorchester-street, from Hampshire to Dorchester streets (two blocks). Easing and calverting—southwest and northwest corners of Seventh-street and Avenue A. The [illegible] all the surplus earth, stone and loam, and all the surplus sand, gravel and loam of ground, vacant lots, stoops and porches of land, situated on both sides of Dorchester-street, from First-street to Avenue A, on the east side of First-street, and west side of Dorchester-street, to Avenue A, on the east side of First-street, and west side of Avenue A, between Sixth and Seventh streets, and lots of ground, vacant lots, stoops and porches of land, situated on both sides of Dorchester-street, from First-street to Avenue A, on the east side of First-street, and west side of Avenue A, between Sixth and Seventh streets, and on both sides of Dorchester-street, from Avenue A to Avenue B

IMPORTANT FROM THE GULF.

Preparation for an Attack on Mobile.

The Forts at the Entrance of the Harbor to be Reduced at Once.

THE REBEL LINES OF DEFENCE.

Great Importance of Mobile as a Base of Operations.

From our Special Correspondent.

Union Steam Cannon Gunboat, Blockading of Mobile Bay, Thursday, Aug. 28, 1862.

"Not one possible provision to the fate of my job, before, since the close, our hospital had been overflowing, and our transports varying up and down between Pensacola and Mobile, feeding the sick. But yesterday, the morning after—was the day of the attack—the transports were ordered to Pensacola to transport this hospitable to port. Yesterday we were positive that Lawrence for a month, to day through the mouths of the Gun. Yesterday is wearing another

Now whether to have their news illustrated in advance, to give an extra look at the map of Mobile Bay. They will see Fort Morgan on the east of Mobile Point, the east side of the bay. It is thirty-four miles from the city, and is, nearly two miles distant, in Fort Morgan, on the east end of Dauphin Island. On the same side the bay with Fort Gaines, and eight miles nearly Fort Gaines is, in Battery Point, on the main land. Fort Morgan was an earthen French work, but it is likely the rebels have planted a battery on it, also, unless Granite Fort is sufficiently convinced, as we have heard it is. Out side, and between Fort Gaines and Fort Morgan is Sand Island, and still further out Sand Island—the three miles from Fort Gaines. There is a little, and not now used for any purpose; they, as well as all the land around the entrance of the bay, are low and sandy. On Sand Island stands the ruins of the lighthouse and the houses belonging to the keepers of Southern vagabonds, because their occupation leaves not been worst of any use to our fleet, but would be of great use to the commerce of Mobile again at some future day; all is, let Mobile or Alabama have the pleasure of rebuilding them.

The blockading fleet have lain from four to eight miles from the forts. At any time of the year it is an unpleasant uncomfortable station, there being an almost rough sea. And during the two or three weeks of heavy and squally weather which always visits the coast in September, it would be extremely dangerous for any vessels to be here and be of service, and yet they have been for three quarters of a month. There are several shoals, miles outside the bay, where, in fine weather, the sea is lashed to a state of foam.

From within the forts the blockade can be maintained with much more comfort and certainty, and these vessels be spared for other service where they can be ever enough needed. It becomes a necessity, therefore, to take the forts, if we do nothing further at present, and to take them soon, or there will be the chance of the rebels, or foreign vessels, to come, and we shall

"See huge navies battling with the storm,
By regard sweep along the distant coasts."

Next to Richmond, Mobile is the most essential point to the vitality of the rebellion. With that for our thoroughfare instead of theirs, Montgomery on the Alabama River, and Tuscaloosa on the Tombigbee, might soon be reached by our forces, giving us possession of the railroad system between the Eastern and Western States of rebellion. This would cut their country in two more disastrously than the entire control of the Mississippi could effect it.

Their force and combinations to guard against such a blow, are concentrated in the defence of Mobile. There is good reason to believe, by their own statements and by all likelihood, that beyond the capture of that city, we should find little difficulty in penetrating to the accomplishment of this grand object, indeed, we then lay on our oars till they make Montgomery impregnable, like the rock with batteries, and fill it with sand.

Their reported means of repelling an attack on Mobile would be hardly credited, were it not that in the encouragement below New-Orleans their contrivances for defence were found to be quite as numerous and of half as the has boasted them to be. It is quite as well, now, to pay some attention to such representations. It is certain they have had seventeen months in which to get ready. They say they have made a stand at Dog River Bar, on the west side of Mobile Bay, six miles below the city, where they have sunk obstructions in the channel, driven in piles thickly on the outside of the same, and anchored a line of submarine torpedoes still further out. That inside the obstructions they have heavily armed boats, while on the adjacent shore are the upon the of earth works, with batteries of rifled cannon. That they have one or two iron-clad gunboats, and a powerful ironclad ram, armed, and piloted as her been for "something."

But their chief glory is one "bright particular" gun, built in emulation of all the arrow of construction discovered by late in its kindred of New-Orleans, Vicksburgh and Hampton Roads. To cut short all brilliant and fearful accounts of it, you may suppose it to be such a piece of iron workmanship and warring power, that both Vulcan and Mars would jump at the chance of sinking upon it their claims to fame in these latter days, when they pass for professional humbugs.

How much the foregoing is entitled to consideration, I cannot pretend to judge. It is the average substance, keeping inside of probability, of the various representations made to us at New-Orleans and Pensacola. Yet, considering the immense importance of Mobile to the Southern Confederacy, we may expect to find every diabolical engine of destruction which ingenuity can devise and manufacture thrown into the contest. I may say it is a general belief in this fleet that we are about to undertake a work, the magnitude and intensity of which is not appreciated at the North. After the terrible fight in passing the forts below New-Orleans, it was very pleasing to be encouraged by papers from home, with the impression that we should have had light work at Mobile.

A small steamer, like a tug, has been running every day between Fort Morgan and the city, or in that direction. Another, a large, high-pressure river boat, has been running down place to place upon the bay, when stopping at the fort. On Fort Gaines there has been no display for several weeks, nor any signs of its being occupied. Yet we can hardly think it has been abandoned, for although it is of little importance compared with Fort Morgan, and would be of no use whatever to us, it covers an entrance for very light draft vessels on the Dauphin Island side. It was undoubted when the war broke. Fort Morgan is one of the largest and most formidable works on the Gulf of Mexico. It was the island but a few years ago, and great labor and money of improvement which science has contributed to the art of fortification. It mounts a large number of the heaviest and longest ranged guns, and commands a fourfold range through that only channel by which

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INTERESTING FROM NEW-ORLEANS.

Effect of the News of the National Reverses in Virginia.

The Atrocities of the Louisiana Guerrillas.

A Successful Expedition Against Them.

From our Special Correspondent.

New-Orleans, Wednesday, Sept. 10, 1862.

The last steamer that left New-York here to our city the dates of the 27th of July. Nothing hardly but the official announcement of an ignoble defeat of our arms in Virginia could have been more unsatisfactory. It seems to be admitted that the National forces were retreating before Jackson and Lee, and enough was given to satisfy the patient that the fatal inactivity of our Potomac Generals was reaping its natural reward. Since that time, now nine long anxious days, our city has been our glorious receptacle of rumors of disaster to our forces. The Secessionists, therefore, sulking and subdued, begin now to cast upon the Federals looks of scorn, defiance and hate, and I have seen many lips cast with ridicule as they passed by the flag suspended in the front of our different military quarters. I have lived in New-Orleans through the darkest one of its calamities; I have seen the sun rise in a yellow atmosphere of death-bearing malaria; I have felt the night breezes from the swamps entire against my cheeks, laden with poison; I have followed day after day the stricken and among my friends to the inevitable grave? I have lived here, indeed, when the pall seems literally, physically oppressive now-day; but I never suffered the horrors that I have felt in this city the last seven days. I am sick of these defeats to the Union arms. Have we not a General on the Potomac of the most ordinary capacity in the field? They are all industrious and enterprising in their retreats. Haven't we even one that could fight two consecutive days, or manoeuvre twenty miles without intermeddling? Oh, the humiliation of these disasters. Oh how they make the heart sick, and the soul despair. Is there to be no purging of our army of imbeciles? Is it possible that we have to go on another year in the same routine of expense, unnecessary loss of life and fruitless efforts? Is the country, or rather the Government, never to be in earnest? To the people let me give all praise. The workshops, the fields, the villages and towns have poured out their loyal and enthusiastic thousands; all alike have contributed of their treasure, but have the leaders and the hoarded ones done their duty? Where then, in Heaven's name, the cause of mismanaging this war? Who is responsible before God for this trifling with our nation's life? Will the day of retribution ever come, or are we destined to sink into a premature grave, presenting the unparalleled example in history of a people of freemen who could not produce a single leader capable of defending the nation's life against one of the most unholy rebellions that ever disgraced the darkest pages of history?

The guerrillas, with the exception of New-Orleans and its immediate vicinity, now have entire possession of the State of Louisiana, and its once fair fields are fast becoming a desolation, and its once happy people either utterly impoverished, or with this year, have not the melancholy privilege of occupying their desolated homes, but are refugees and know not where to lay their heads. New-Orleans is full of people from Baton Rouge, from Donaldsonville, indeed, from all the towns on the river, people who two years ago were independent and happy, but are now penniless, and unable, by former education, to earn a living. The suffering among this class of persons no one can imagine, and many heart-broken and helplessly wretched are finding peace only in a pauper's grave. Who is to be held responsible for this misery? Oh, THE MISERY OF AN INEFFICIENTLY CONDUCTED WAR, for to this fearful weakness for General Government are we really indebted for all the suffering of private persons—for this terrible infliction of irregular warfare, when robbers and cut-throats are elevated into belligerents and treated with consideration when they should be hung or shot like dogs.

In one of my earlier letters I took occasion to mention the head of a guerrilla gang who fired upon an unarmed United States boat, which resulted in a short bombardment of Baton Rouge. This man, a native, by the way, of New-England, was brought to this city and imprisoned in the Custom-house. Having been here for many years, I obtained an interview with him, and a more apparently contrite and repentant man I never saw. Confinement had relieved him of his naturally bronzed complexion, and he was now so pale that he successfully affected the invalid, and claimed that but a few weeks, at most, were left to him in this world. To Gen. Butler he professed the utmost contrition, begged and prayed to be released, promised to return to his home and use his influence in every possible way to put down guerrilla bands, and do, in fact, all a good citizen could to restore peace in his neighborhood. Upon these protestations, Gen. Butler, instead of hanging him, let him go, and the result is that he immediately broke his word, commenced anew his atrocities upon helpless and defenceless citizens. Whom he desired to rob, he pronounced sympathizers with the Lincoln Government; whom he wished to murder, he denounced as Union men. In this spirit he a few days ago entered the town of Baton Rouge, and seizing two of the most quiet and harmless people that ever lived in the place, (Germans by birth,) hung them almost before their own doors, as he said, for harboring the Yankees and treating them kindly when stationed in the town. And this man's case is characteristic of guerrillaism the country over. The raids of these men—these organized bands of robbers—out in Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee, and elsewhere, are simply characteristic of the lowest state of barbarism, and if the Government much longer hesitates to treat these villains as they deserve—still hesitates to put in force the death penalty without trial or benefit of clergy—then the Government will become responsible for permitting human gouls to destroy the South, and force it into a waste such as the world never before witnessed. Terror of speedy punishment will alone put down guerrillas. The most recent doings of these men in this vicinity occurred a few days ago, when a body on horseback, armed with all sorts of weapons, from an ambuscade fired upon a car containing some United States soldiers, who were traveling near Boyce station, on the Opelousas Railroad. The instant these ruffians were attacked, they broke and fled like stricken deer, and could be seen as far as the eye could reach, scudding through the woods, to meet again, no doubt, at an arranged meeting-place, to join in another murderous foray upon the helpless and unsuspecting, whether they be Nationalists, or their own unhappy neighbors.

I must say, in this connection, perhaps, that the guerrillas, a few evenings since, in strong force, attacked two companies of our pickets stationed on the Opelousas Railroad, and captured them without an attempt at opposition. Since then quite a strong expedition has gone up the coast opposite this city, and we may expect to hear of some stirring incidents. This morning, while at the Custom-house, I saw some stolen guerrilla prisoners brought in. I did not learn of the whereabouts of the capture.

Just before you reach the extreme southern limits of the city, on the banks of the river, you come to a large, unfinished building, which, from its absurdity of architecture, you instinctively feel was built by slavery in for some charitable purpose, and your judgment is not at fault. The "pile" as stated the

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Union Navy, and the Confederate flag—but fortunately Gen. Butler came in, and will use the man in defence. The Union flag is now floating over the Custom-house, and the flag of the United States. The city resumes its with great enthusiasm, which occasion having been made up in a few days. Yesterday I saw, for the first time, one of these seven volunteers in Uncle Sam's costume. I took great comfort in the consideration that the British West India regiments of the same material, are admitted, even by English sentiments, to be efficient and serviceable men.

I am looking forward with considerable interest to the appearance of these troops under a military organization. That they will quickly learn to drill I have not a doubt, and I cannot see why they are not the best men in the world for manning our Western forts. History illustrates, on board of our men-of-war, that colored men have always been efficient sailors, have always shown themselves active and excellent artillerists, and stood up with white sailors, have always been among the first to board the enemy's ships and have always done fearful execution. I trust that certain parties at the North who are in fond of denouncing Gen. Hunter, will not forget, in speaking of his two colored men's organization, to state that it was called into existence by Gov. Moore, of Louisiana, and was originally intended to serve under the Confederate flag—but fortunately Gen. Butler came in, and will use the man in defence of the Union. The city resumes its with great enthusiasm, which occasion having been made up in a few days. Yesterday I saw, for the first time, one of these seven volunteers in Uncle Sam's costume. I took great comfort in the consideration that the British West India regiments of the same material, are admitted, even by English sentiments, to be efficient and serviceable men.

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AN EXPEDITION AGAINST THE GUERRILLAS.

In one of my paragraphs I have alluded to an expedition sent up the river to look after the guerrillas. I find the result thus recorded in the *Delta*:

"The expedition was composed of the Fourth Wisconsin Regiment, Lieut.-Col. BEAR; Twenty-first Indiana, Col. MCMILLAN; Ninth Connecticut, Col. CAMILL; Fourteenth Maine, and the First Maine Battery, the whole under the command of Acting Brig.-Gen. PAINE. The U. S. steam frigate *Mississippi* accompanied the transports.

The transports left Carrollton about 1 o'clock Monday morning, and proceeded up the river about twenty-five miles, where the Ninth Connecticut, Fourteenth Maine, and one section of the battery, with Gen. BEAR, disembarked. The Fourth Wisconsin and Twenty-first Indiana kept on up the river, and landed about five miles above on the west side of the river.

Hearing that a large body—upward of 300—Texas cavalry was in the immediate vicinity, the Wisconsin and Indiana boys, with a section of the First Maine Battery, under the command of Lieut. E. D. HAYES, started out to have a brush with them. They had not proceeded more than a mile from the levee before they came upon a body of them in a ploughed field, who, true to the instincts of the Confederate race, fled at the first fire, not, however, without losing four killed and three wounded. Then commenced the grand 'skedaddle' and pursuit of the 'brave sons of Texas.'

They fled to the woods, our boys after them, and the artillery warming their rear with shell. The pursuit became so hot that they left their horses, baggage, etc., and each one took to a swamp on his own hook by the underground railroad, and were followed up until our boys gave up the chase from sheer exhaustion.

We succeeded in killing four more, wounding several, and taking about twenty prisoners, besides two hundred and fifty horses, all saddled and bridled, two flags, and any amount of private baggage.

Lieut. PRINCE, of the Wisconsin Regiment, with five men, surrounded and took prisoners eight of the Texans at one time. This does not prove the boasting of the rebels that one of them can whip five Yankees.

Among our prisoners are Col. WALKER, of Texas, and Capt. JANUARY, both prominent partisan rangers.

We returned aboard the transports about 3 P. M., having accomplished a pretty good day's work. We have succeeded in cutting up and utterly destroying one of the largest and most desperate gangs of guerrillas that infested this section of the country. It was composed chiefly of picked desperadoes from Texas, and their special forte was killing and scalping innocent Union men, and were a terror to rebel planters themselves.

Too much praise cannot be bestowed upon Col. MCMILLAN and Lieut.-Col. BEAR for their coolness and promptness in the whole affair.

The force under Gen. PAINE we learned nothing of until evening, when they joined us on our transports, just before we left on our return.

The steamer *Laurel Hill*, with the Fourth Wisconsin Regiment, rebel wounded, horses, etc., returned to Carrollton on Monday evening, leaving the balance of the force up the river. Where Gen. PAINE strikes next is unknown to your informant. Our forces had not a man even wounded.

NEW-ORLEANS, Saturday, Sept. 13, 1862.

Thirteen long weary days have passed, and we are yet flooded with secesh news of reported victories of the Confederate arms over the Union troops. Donaldsonville has fallen, Tennessee has been cleared of ANDY JOHNSON, Kentucky is welcoming the guerrillas, HINDMAN has cleared out Arkansas, LEE is in Washington, Stonewall JACKSON in Baltimore, and the devil in York, Pennsylvania, robbing the United States Commissary Department, to say nothing of the fact that Cincinnati has capitulated to a battery erected at Covington, Ky., only having two hours to do up the surrender in. Secesh, in the Southern telegraphic dispatches, is triumphant everywhere, and, in New-Orleans, particularly rampant. I have had no less than two places of refuge promised me the moment the Confederates enter this city; in fact, I have heard of some enthusiasts who have set up all night, waiting with the patience of Millerites to hear the horn blow. About the groceries you can witness the most offensive features, moral and personal, of the rebellion. Loafers and gamblers, thugs, negro-traders, and traitors to the country's flag, are exultant, and the good time is coming, sure, when Southern rights will again be respected, and the glorious and chivalrous people of New-Orleans will be left to starve under the rule of JEFF. DAVIS. All this to hear and see is humiliating enough, Heaven knows; nothing in the world, indeed, could be more offensive—more thoroughly heart-sickening. The theory is again broached that one Southern is better than five Yankees. No less than four advertisements appear in to-day's *Delta*, from individuals, announcing in defiant print, that *they have not taken the oath of allegiance*. Perhaps before I mail this letter I may have one ray of light from the North—possibly the brave SIGEL and KEARNY are not dead, and the Union forces have not been entirely defeated. Possibly there is one live man at the head of our armies in Virginia; one man who can keep awake all day; one man who pays more attention to his muskets than his wagons; one man who can travel forward as well as backward.

In what book on tactics do we learn that the only object of armies in the field is to dig ditches or erect fortifications. Did NAPOLEON write anywhere that all that cavalry horses should do was to eat their own heads off in the stable? Come, can't somebody run a long pole into the menagerie of our Potomac Generals and stir them up generally. It may be a great thing North to hear of our Union forces whipped and our cause disgraced, but the thing is not so comfortable in "thish ere" Southern sunny clime. In short, it would be far better if Old Abe's Lieutenants were earning their money, and doing something that could make us poor Federals, way down in New-Orleans, not only comfortable, but a little spread-eagles. It seems to me a good chest for a Union victory would not only do my disposition good, but my heart and soul also. Do hurry up one victory. In the meantime what is Gen. MITCHEL doing in New-York? No man could have done better than he in Southern Tennessee and Alabama, and there has been nothing but disaster since he was removed; and this reminds one that we have not got over the scare that came upon us at the rumor that Gen. BURSIDE was to be relieved of this department. We have given a sort of credence to it, because it would be the most impolitic thing in the world. We simply don't believe any other man could do well in his place.

Now come to something to be done to open the Mississippi River? I am surprised that the men of the West in Washington have not been more importunate on this subject. As a great military and strategic movement it should have attracted the attention of our Generals; as a commercial movement it should not have been overlooked by our statesmen.

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CASE DISMISSED.—The Mercury case of C. H. DE LA VERGNE, President of the Metallic Oil Company, mentioned in our Saturday article, was dismissed by Justice BEMMAN, the plaintiffs failing to appear.

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